

**The ARLINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT-LEVEL INSTRUCTIONAL DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE** functions as a representative advisory group for all AISD professional staff with regard to the establishment and review of the district's educational mission, goals, objectives and major district wide classroom instructional programs.

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## WELCOME

Karen Hill, Executive Director for Secondary Instruction, welcomed the DIDC members. She shared that this may be the last meeting for some members while other members will be continuing. Karen Hill reviewed the agenda.

## BOND ELECTION

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Deputy Superintendent, shared the 2009 Bond Election information. The Superintendent's Focus, including becoming a Recognized School District, was reviewed. A committee met and made recommendations to the Board. The Bond Package is \$197,500,000 within a five year period. Many of these items have been deferred for a reduction of cost due to the deficit budget. Items include buses, fine arts, technology, and facilities. Specific examples in these three areas were shared including the fact that more than 1/3 of all of AISD computers are more than 8 years old. The facilities component is the largest portion of the bond package. This includes the addition of one new elementary school and additions at two elementary schools due to overcrowding.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS HB3

Karen Hill discussed HB3 graduation requirements including curricular changes. September 1, 2009, the new graduation requirements had to be implemented. She shared the current graduation requirements for AISD and noted that AISD's graduation requirements exceed the state requirements. Revisions reviewed including a reduction of health, P.E., and technology credits, and an increase of 1 fine arts credit. She shared that changes in staffing and students' schedules would have occurred if HB3 was implemented at the beginning of the school year. Additionally, the SBOE may make changes to HB3 when they meet in October. There will be no changes in the graduation requirements implemented during the 2009-2010 school year.

## VERTICAL ALIGNMENT UPDATE

Debbie Williams, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction, reviewed the Vertical Alignment Process. She shared the timeline from last year through October 8 and 9 including the formation of the curriculum documents in the summer and district-wide vertical alignment on August 19, 2009. ELA will implement the vertical alignment process this year.

## SCHOOL START WINDOW

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Deputy Superintendent, shared that the completion rate for campuses can determine the campus ratings. September 25 is the school start window deadline date. All districts have approximately a month to recover the drop-outs from the cohort. This affects campus ratings before the TAKS results for 2010. Examples of recovery efforts were shared.

## FALL ELECTION

Karen Hill, Executive Director for Secondary Instruction, reviewed AISD Board Policy BQA, the policy related to elections of the District-level Instructional Decision-making Committee. DIDC reviewed the process for election filing. An election sub-committee was selected to assist with the ballot organizing and canvassing of votes. This subcommittee is composed of: Eric McKeever, Wendy Britton, Darla Peznell, Laura Pyles, and Steve Howell.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.**

**QUESTIONS** - To facilitate the answering of your question:

1. See if it can be answered with the resources within your building. 2. Refer your question in writing to the appropriate committee.

**Scope of DIDC:** Limited to AISD's educational goals, objectives, curriculum or instructional programs.

**Scope of Professional Communication Committee:** Limited to wages, salaries, hours of work, benefits (excluding insurance) and conditions of work of Districtwide importance. **Contact: Rhonda Clark, Administration Building**

**Insurance Committee Contact Person: Laura Clark, Administration Building**

**Calendar Committee Contact Person: Jerry McCullough, Administration Building**

**Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Rick Tice, Administration Building**

**Maintenance/Operations/Warehouse Communication Committee Contact Person: Mike Shipskey**

**Transportation Communication Committee Contact Person: Mary DelBrail**

**Food Service Communication Committee Contact Person: Jackie Anderson**

If you have **suggestions** about any of the AISD's educational goals, objectives, curriculum or instructional programs, please fill out this form and attach it to a summary of your comments.

**Send to DIDC**, Attention: Karen Hill, Secondary Instruction, Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas 76013. Please include your name and phone number so we may respond to your request personally.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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Suggested Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like to be contacted personally by a member of the DIDC? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Please note: The District Level Instructional Decision Making Committee (DIDC) UPDATE is now on the AISD Website\*.**

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