### District Level Instructional Decision-Making Committee

# **UPDATE**

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## 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 AND INTRODUCTIONS

Each DIDC member in attendance introduced themselves and the area they represent. New members were welcomed and all members were thanked for their service.

#### SHARED DECISION MAKING TRAINING

Debbie Williams, Executive Director for Elementary Instruction, provided training for the committee. Board Policy BQA (Local) was highlighted and reviewed. The DIDC advises the Board or its designee in:

- 1. Establishing and reviewing the District's educational plans, goals, performance objectives, and major classroom instructional programs, and
- 2. Developing and approving District wide staff development plans.

#### **TOPIC FOCUS 2012-2013**

Ideas generated for topics include:

- Professional Development (pull-outs for required staff development/ RTI, 504, Special Education training for teachers)
- RTI (process/additional opportunities for non-title I schools who have transfer students from other title campuses with tier II & III interventions)
- Calendar/Mobility Issues (shortened first 6-weeks/student movement between campuses)
- Curriculum (additional math support/CA's ELA time to grade and analyze essays/ utilizing school-to-school training/ensuring that the district is aware of individual campus needs and are taken into consideration with regard to curriculum)
- Volunteers (processes, communication and promotion)
- Parental Involvement
- UTA Partnerships (what are these/what is available?)
- Deferred Action Program
- Role of the counselor
- Representation of staff voice to the School Board

#### **ELECT NEW CO-FACILITATOR**

Patti Belknap was elected the Co-Facilitator

#### **BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY**

Sue McGahee, Director of Instructional Technology, presented and received feedback on a draft of student guidelines for AISD students to be allowed to bring and utilize their own technology in the classrooms. Questions and comments were answered and shared. Feedback from the DIDC was given and received electronically.

**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: Jimmy Walker, Administration Building

Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Rick Tice, Administration Building Maintenance/Operations/Warehouse Communication Committee Contact Person: Cliff Summer

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.

Name:	School:	Grade:	Subject:
Торіс:			
Suggested Solution:			
Would you like to be contacted	l personally by a member of the DIDC?	Ves N	No

<sup>\*(</sup>www.aisd.net)