

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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INTRODUCTIONS PURPOSE

Jeff Grissom, Co-Facilitator, welcomed the committee and made introductions. Dr. Cavazos, Deputy Superintendent, shared an overview and brief introduction of the purpose of the DIDC Committee.

ELECT NEW CO-FACILITATOR

Jeff Grissom, who served for a two-year term as the DIDC Co-Facilitator thanked the committee for their support. Debbie Williams, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction, asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to serve as the DIDC Co-Facilitator. Patti Belknap, Johns Elementary Kindergarten teacher, was elected as Co-Facilitator.

SHARED DECISION-MAKING TRAINING

Debbie Williams shared the purpose of the committee including the composition of the DIDC membership. Board Policy BQA (Legal) and BQA (Local) were referenced. The District Level Instructional Decision-Making Committee membership is similar to the campus-based SBDM membership. The elected professional staff includes 2/3 classroom teachers and 1/3 other campus and district level staff. Both committees include parents, community members, and business members. District Shared Decision-Making Training is required and all members received this training during the meeting. Karen Hill, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction, discussed Shared Decision-Making. Norms, types of decisions, and tools used for consensus were shared. Karen discussed the importance of considering different viewpoints and explained the 'Five Finger Tool' used to reach consensus.

2012-2013 PROPOSED CALENDAR

Jimmy Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Administration, shared the proposed 2012-2013 School Calendar recommended by the Calendar Committee. The composition of the calendar committee, state law, and calendar preferences were reviewed. Mr. Walker shared the recommendations that the calendar committee discussed and voted on for inclusion in the 2012-2013 school calendar. Important dates on the calendar were shared. The importance of aligning spring break dates for AISD with TCC was discussed due to dual credit classes. The committee asked questions for clarification and gave recommendations. The committee approved the proposed school calendar for 2012-2013.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2012-2013

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos explained the High School Scheduling Committee composition, purpose, previous agenda items, and timeline. October 27th the Board will have a work session on the scheduling option the committee recommends. The committee's recommendation will go to the Board on November 3. Two fundamental questions the committee considers are: "What will our students need to be successful?" and "What will our teachers need to support student success?" Student parameters and teacher parameters to help students be successful were reviewed. The survey of surrounding districts was shared with the committee. The committee was asked to review the fundamental question, "Should students have daily contact with teachers?" The committee gave input.

TOPIC FOCUS 2011-2012

Karen Hill asked the committee to give input into future agenda topics for consideration.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:10 PM

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.

Send to DIDC, Attention: Patti Belknap c/o 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: _____

Suggested Solution: _____

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*.

*(www.aisd.net)