

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

Dr. Cavazos, Deputy Superintendent, welcomed everyone. Committee members were introduced. Dr. Cavazos reviewed the purpose of the District-level Instructional Decision-making Committee (DIDC). He emphasized the importance of this committee in regards to making decisions on district educational plans, major classroom instructional programs, and professional development. The three focus areas of professional development are CARES, Vertical Alignment, and MyTRIAND. Examples of past policy changes were reviewed such as grade point average and high school scheduling.

ELECTION OF CO-FACILITATOR

Wendy Britton, Beckham Elementary teacher, was elected as the Co-Facilitator. Karen Hill, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction, facilitated an activity that allowed new members to know withstanding members.

SHARED DECISION MAKING TRAINING

Karen Hill trained the DIDC members on the Shared Decision-Making Process. Definitions, purposes, decision types, ground rules, decision criteria, and priority levels were reviewed.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR (DRAFT)

Jimmy Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, discussed the school calendar proposed by the calendar committee. State rules and district preferences were reviewed. Dates on each monthly calendar were explained. Wendy Britton facilitated questions and considerations from members. Jimmy Walker clarified questions. DIDC members made recommendations for the calendar committee to consider.

PREK-2 REPORT CARD

Debbie Williams, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction, shared revisions that are being considered by a report card committee for the PreK 3 - 2nd grade report cards.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE UPDATE

Karen Hill reviewed past history of the formation of the High School Scheduling Committee. The timeline of the scheduling options from December 2008 to May 2009 was reviewed. A mock schedule was developed with the hybrid model. The scheduling committee is looking to see if this model will generate savings for the district. Budget implications will be presented to the Board in November. Concerns with the hybrid model were expressed by members regarding scheduling, lack of classrooms, teacher preparation, dual credit, and eighth grade students who attend high school classes. Other concerns shared were the change of school hours at elementary and junior high campuses and student busing.

TOPIC FOCUS 2009-2010

Members gave input into future topics through discussions. Commonalities of topics such as IB, Drop Out Prevention, and Professional Development were discussed.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:25 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: Jimmy Walker, 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: _____

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*.

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