

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

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, led by Chief Academic Officer-Dr. Steven Wurtz and Co-facilitators Dr. Rick Garcia and Culley Franks.

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16-17 Committee Members:

Mason Barlow Arlington High School Choir Teacher
Jeffrey Beck-Martin High School-Social Studies Teacher
Kyle Bunker-Anderson Elementary-Principal
Bryan Byrd-Seguin High School-Assistant Principal
Brett Crowson-Amos Elementary-Assistant Principal
Shahveer Dhalla-Arlington High School-Principal
Carla Egyed-Educational Support Services-LSSP
Danielle Fitch-Hale Elementary-Counselor
Culley Franks-Starrett Elementary-Teacher
Dr. Rick Garcia-Executive Director-Transformational Learning
Kelly Hastings-Young Junior High-Principal
Candy Hentzen-Educational Support Services-Diagnostician
Emily Johnson-Lamar High School-Theatre Arts Teacher
Nyjah Johnson-Sam Houston High School-English Teacher
Heather Kelly-Ashworth Elementary-Inclusion Teacher
Chandler Lemon-Workman Junior High-English Teacher
Brenda Long-Sam Houston High School-Technology Teacher
Kim Martinez-Webb Elementary-Bilingual Teacher
Lori Mayfield-Swift Elementary-ESL Teacher
David McGarity-Bowie High School-Science Teacher
Bryan Mercer-Ousley Junior High-Math Teacher
April Nohinek-Parent
Christi Peralta-Nichols Junior High-Instructional Coach
Jacque Redmon-Little Elementary-Counselor
Courtney Shank-Young Junior High-Math Teacher
Mathew Skaggs-Parent
Christopher Smith-Parent
Patrick Smith-Arlington High School SEAS Teacher
Michelle Torres-Martin High School-Spanish Teacher
Juan Villarreal-Gunn JH-Principal
Marcie Walker-Ditto Elementary-Teacher
Isabelle Williams-Curriculum & Instruction-Specialist
Barbara Wilson-Sherrod Elementary-Librarian
Dr. Steven Wurtz-Chief Academic Officer
Jeannene Young-Young Junior High-Nurse

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. DIDC Training
3. Elect New Cabinet Members
4. District of Innovation 2016-2017
5. SubCommittee Assignments
 - a) PLAC
 - b) DIP/PBMAS
 - c) Testing Calendar
 - d) District of Innovation
 - e) Other
6. C & I Update
7. DIP

MINUTES

District-Level Instructional Decision Making Committee Tuesday, October 4, 2016 4:30-6:30 at the AISD Professional Development Center

Welcome and Introductions

Executive Director of Transformational Learning and DIDC Co-facilitator Dr. Rick Garcia opened the meeting at 4:35. New 2016-17 members were welcomed. Dr. Garcia reported that participation in the self-nomination and voting process has dramatically increased this cycle when compared with year's past. Over 800 staff members from the district participated in this year's vote.

DIDC Training

Co-facilitator Culley Franks lead the 2016-2017 Initiation Training to all members. This training reviewed the purpose of the DIDC as dictated by board policy. New members will be presented to the AISD School Board on Thursday, October 6.

Historical Update

Dr. Garcia reviewed the evolution of the DIDC from when it was under leadership with Dr. Marcelo Cavazos (at the time deputy Superintendent for AISD) to its current leadership under Chief Academic Officer Dr. Steven Wurtz.

Subcommittee Assignments

Dr. Wurtz gave the DIDC an overview of committees members could sign up for to represent DIDC membership. These committees include: Professional Learning Advisory Committee, DIP/PBMIS, Testing Calendar, and District of Innovation.

Dr. Wurtz also presented a summary of TEA's District of Innovation and AISD's efforts to apply for the designation. This distinction would allow the district to accelerate its work toward the AISD Strategic Plan. At the 10/6/16 meeting, the Board of Trustees will vote to approve the creation of a committee to create a plan to apply for the District of Innovation. If created, the DIDC will vote to approve the plan at the November 29th meeting.

Curriculum and Instruction Update

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Connie Wallace gave an overview of the work of the C & I department and its connections to the AISD Strategic Plan.

District Improvement Plan

Executive Director of Accountability and Research gave an overview of the purpose and creation of the 2016-17 District Improvement Plan. He explained the decision-making process to determine the 4 goals aligned with the AISD Strategic Plan.

Closure

Cabinet member Christi Peralta asked for members to check the membership sheet for accuracy and invited people to use the QR code on the agenda for feedback. The meeting was closed with parting remarks from Dr. Wurtz at 6:30.

COMMENTS/NOTES

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Note:

October 4, 2016

November 29, 2016 (please note this meeting date has changed from Nov. 15th to Nov. 29th).

February 7, 2017

April 4, 2017

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Note:

DIDC Survey



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