

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

Patti Belknap, DIDC Co-Facilitator, welcomed the committee and introduced Mr. Jimmy Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Administration.

## 2013-2014 CALENDAR – MR. JIMMY WALKER, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Jimmy Walker explained the calendar process and the state laws related to the development. He further described the Calendar Committee's make-up and provided an overview of the meetings. The Boards' "Charge" was reviewed:

- Teacher Preparation Day prior to start of each semester
- One Holiday per month
- Exchange time
- Balanced six week within each semester
- End each six week at the end of the week
- Begin each six week at the beginning of the week
- Apply for waiver from the state for 3 staff development days
- Apply for waiver from the state for 6 early release days
- Use 4 early release days for semester exams, and 2 early release days for staff development
- Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, or Memorial Day Holiday should not be used as a weather make-up day
- End the first semester prior to winter break
- Have a minimum of 2 weeks off during the winter break
- End the school year close to June 1

Recommendations were discussed and voted on by the Calendar Committee during their October 22, 2012 meeting. The calendar has been approved by the School Board.

## STAAR ACCOUNTABILITY – DR. WALLY CARTER, DIRECTOR, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TESTING

Dr. Carter explained the current thinking by the state regarding the Overview of Performance Index Framework. The Accountability System is likely to be made up of the following indices:

- Student Achievement
- Student Progress
- Closing Performance Gaps
- Postsecondary Readiness

Questions were taken and answered from the group.

The final recommendation from TEA will go to the Commissioner in early March with the decision being made in April, 2013. Following this decision the Accountability Manual should be available in June, 2013. Standards for grades 3-8 will be released in December 2012.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – RENEE POPE, SCIENCE COORDINATOR, K-12**

2012-2013 Required Professional Development was reviewed – this information included elementary, junior high and high school levels.

- All four core PD sessions will now have an after-school option instead of a “pull-out”.
- Differentiated PD will also be offered this spring (new to the profession/content and for those who have more experience)
- Combinations have been made to include some Trainer of Trainer (TOT) models.
- Data is studied before planning professional development along with ensuring that new state information/new TEKS/etc., are designed into the learning
- Some electronic PD is being piloted, “push-in’s” – campuses were able to request the 4 hour training on their campus specific to the teacher needs on the campus.
- Departments are working to accommodate professional development alternatives (time/delivery) for teachers – to meet the needs of campuses

Renee challenged the group to help work on a system that “feeds-up”; devising a system that would allow teachers to input their professional development needs. Ideas were brainstormed and shared.

Questions were invited and answered.

<p><b>QUESTIONS</b> - 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. <b>Scope of DIDC:</b> Limited to AISD's <u>educational</u> goals, objectives, curriculum or <u>instructional</u> programs. <b>Scope of Professional Communication Committee:</b> Limited to wages, salaries, hours of work, benefits (excluding insurance) and conditions of work of Districtwide importance. <b>Contact: Rhonda Clark, Administration Building</b> <b>Insurance Committee Contact Person: Laura Clark, Administration Building</b> <b>Calendar Committee Contact Person: Jimmy Walker, Administration Building</b> <b>Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Rick Tice, Administration Building</b> <b>Maintenance/Operations/Warehouse Communication Committee Contact Person: Cliff Summer</b> <b>Food Service Communication Committee Contact Person: Jackie Anderson</b></p>
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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 Evan Smith, 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](http://www.aisd.net))