

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

Debbie Williams, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction, and Wendy Britton, DIDC Co-Chair, welcomed the committee.

DROP-OUT PREVENTION

Wendy Carrington, Director of Drop-Out Prevention, shared completion rates for the district and the high school campuses by sub-groups. The four types of drop-out students and measures implemented to prevent students from dropping out of school were reviewed. Current prevention programs were discussed such as 21st Century and SOARS. 21st Century is offered at 15 campuses with before and after school programs. Students at each high school participate in the SOARS mentoring training. Prevention activities such as the Drop-out Recovery/Prevention Fair that was held this fall were shared with the committee.

BILINGUAL MODEL

Debbie Williams shared the district's Bilingual Model. The model is in its first year of implementation. The focus is for students to exit the bilingual program and receive all content through sheltered instruction with Spanish support when appropriate. The core content areas and language of instruction for pre-kindergarten through third grade were reviewed.

ACCELERATED READING INITIATIVE (ARI) / ACCELERATED MATH INITIATIVE (AMI) AND STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVE GRANT (SSIG)

Debbie Williams explained that in past years the district received ARI/AMI funds. The district will not receive these funds this year and in future years. The district will receive SSI Grant funds for the current year. The SSIG funds are approximately one-third of the ARI/AMI funds. These funds were sent to campuses for instructional purposes for students. Dr. Cavazos added the effect of the lack of ARI/AMI funds. ARI/AMI funds were used for substitutes for testing for K-2 teachers and one million dollars of these funds supported extended year. The district is without the ARI/AMI funds for extended year.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)

Dr. Cavazos reviewed ARRA guidelines and the purpose of Title I and Special Education. The guiding principles are the same. Specifics of the expenditures for the Title I and Special Education funds were reviewed. The use of ARRA funds for personnel is a recurring cost. The jobs created with ARRA funds will last for the duration of ARRA funding. Twenty percent of ARRA funds have to be set aside for Supplemental Educational Services (SES). Information about the School Improvement Program (SIP) campuses, Hutcheson and Nichols, was reviewed. The students can go to their own tutoring services. Tutoring companies can advertise their services. Questions on ARRA funds were asked and answered. ARRA updates will be given regularly. Receiving Title I funds is positive since all students benefit from the funding.

TOPIC UPDATE

The benchmark calendar for the 2010-2011 school year will be reviewed by this committee.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:20 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**

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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: Wendy Britton 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*.

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