

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. Marcelo Cavazos, Deputy Superintendent, welcomed the committee.

FOREIGN STUDENT EXCHANGE WAIVER

Jimmy Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Administration, explained the Foreign Exchange Waiver. The waiver is for the purpose to allow AISD to limit the number of foreign exchange students to four students per high school. The request is for three years.

BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Cavazos shared budget information. The possible RIF that was shared at the last meeting did occur and was discussed. Reductions will depend on actions at the state level. Internally we are transitioning as a result of our reductions. MGT came to do a cost containment study, and it has been presented to our board. There is a workshop scheduled next week for the board to discuss MGT's report. Committee members had an opportunity to ask questions.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION IMPLEMENTATION

Amy Harsha, Coordinator, Elementary Special Populations, and Linda Rodgers, Coordinator, Secondary Special Populations, discussed RTI implementation. Learning and instruction that occurs during intervention is important to the RTI process. Training has occurred for teachers and administrators. Elementary campuses have a RTI facilitator one day a week to ensure consistent implementation and support for the RTI process. Secondary campuses have a RTI contact for every campus with a focus on graduation and drop-out prevention. RTI implementation is an ongoing process. AISD is in their second year of implementation. RTI Behavior Implementation will begin during the 2011-2012 school year.

GIFTED AND TALENTED IDENTIFICATION

Dr. Cavazos discussed the process of G/T Identification. There is a clear process at the elementary level. Julie Porter, Coordinator, Advanced Academics has a guide for the identification of students at the secondary level. Included are parent and student self-nomination forms. A committee will review all of the nominations.

2011-2012 PREVIEW

Debbie Williams, Executive Director, Elementary Instruction, shared the results of the professional development campus surveys. The campus survey results were used to plan professional development for the 2011-2012 school year. Karen Hill, Executive Director, Secondary Instruction, reviewed the district's initiatives. RTI Behavior will include one hour of training on the campus during the week of August 15 -19 and 2 hours of exchange time during the fall of 2011. The week of August 15 – 19 will include professional development on RTI Behavior, Professional Development Appraisal System (PDAS), Engagement Strategies, State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and a day for elementary and secondary professional development. Engagement Strategies will be a Trainer of Trainers (TOT) process by trainers identified by principals. The training will be conducted during the summer. The September 23 Professional Development Day will include a Cultural Awareness and Respect Equals Success (CARES) district focus.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:05 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: Geoffrey Grissom 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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