

President Jim Ash, convened the meeting with Peter Baron, Bowie Hogg, Mike O'Donnell, Wayne Ogle, Gloria Peña, Sherri Wade and Jerry McCullough present.

Program/Presentation

MLK Celebration Art and Essay Winners

James Rose, director of student affairs and MLK Celebration chair, introduced the 2008 MLK student winners and shared information on the upcoming MLK Celebration event details. For more information on the celebration, visit www.ci.arlington.tx.us/mlk/index.html. Following is a list of winners.

Sharing the Dream Art Contest Winners

First Place - \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, Tu Vu, Bowie High School senior

Second Place - \$750 U.S. Savings Bond, Sarah Tran, Martin High School junior

Third Place - \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, Tran Le, Sam Houston High School senior

Sharing the Dream Essay Contest Winners

First Place - \$1,000 Scholarship, Michael Schmidt, Lamar High School senior

Second Place - \$750 Scholarship, JoAnn Emale, James Bowie High School senior

Third Place - \$500 Scholarship, Jessica Jordan, Juan Seguin High School senior

Superintendent's Report

Jerry McCullough shared with the Board the administration's **timeline for the secondary scheduling** advisory committee. The district will identify committee members including administrators, teachers and possibly even students from each network when we return in January. The committee will review all scheduling options, visit area districts and examine all implications of a schedule change before creating a mock schedule. The committee's recommendation will be presented to the Board in September for possible approval in October.

McCullough went on to congratulate all of the students who were honored by the **Optimist Club of Arlington** at its recent Youth Appreciation Awards Banquet. Outstanding eighth graders from each of the junior highs received a recognition plaque, and top seniors received a plaque and a college scholarship. **Jeff Wright, Larson ES**, was named Teacher of the Year.

Earlier today, **Seguin HS alumna Michelle Oyeka**, class of 2007, met with the Seguin HS junior class. Oyeka is a recipient of the prestigious \$10,000 Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship and is now in her second year at Duke University. She spoke about her experiences with the scholarship program and how it has impacted her life. McCullough said that it is always exciting to have such successful graduates come back to speak to our students.

He also shared with the Board the importance of assisting families in need during this holiday season, and how many of our schools have organized collection drives for local charities. **Barnett JH** students collected nearly 2,000 canned, packaged and non-perishable items for the Mission Arlington Food Pantry. **Fitzgerald ES** students delivered Thanksgiving vegetable baskets, with vegetables harvested from their outdoor learning environment, to the Castle Rock Retirement Center. **Boles JH** students donated nearly 6,000 children's books to the "Santa Cops" program.

Elementary art students, along with their families and art teachers, were invited to make ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree and fence at **Knapp Heritage Park** as a kickoff to the holiday season. The Arlington Historical Society sponsored the event. McCullough shared that if you are nearby Front and Pecan streets, be sure to stop by and see the beautiful decorations. He congratulated all of the students and teachers that helped with the project, and he offered a special thank you to Linh Nguyen, art coordinator.

Lastly, McCullough premiered a video clip previewing the updated **AISD Web site**, which will be launched during the winter break. You will be able to see the new design at www.aisd.net.



Action Items

- **District and Campus Performance Goals and Objectives** - Each year the district plan and the campus plans are developed, reviewed and revised for the purpose of improving student performance for all student populations. The improvement plans are available for review on the AISD Web site at <http://www.aisd.net/pdf/cip/yr08-09>.



Discussion Items

Standardized Dress

At a previous board meeting the administration presented information garnered from the research of standardized dress and how it was implemented and managed in area school districts that do have a standardized dress policy. The Board asked for clarification on various issues and directed the administration to send out an information sheet home with students encouraging parents to share their thoughts on standardized dress. The Board will continue to solicit input from parents before the January 22 Board meeting, when the Board proposes to take action.