

**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

Becky Reynolds opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Items discussed:

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Pat Melton, Executive Director for Guidance and Staff Development shared information about Staff Development needs assessment, planning & implementation in Arlington ISD.

The committee was reminded of the state waiver currently in place through 2008-09. The waiver allows for 6 training days (2 exchange days), 4 preparation days, and 2 early release days. The TEA allowance is for 7 staff development days and districts can request up to 3 additional days.

DIDC reviewed the process utilized for campus/district needs assessment. Surveys are conducted with the campus SBDM and the DIDC. Campus and district planning is focused on:

- Effective Schools Correlates:
  - Safe and Orderly Environment
  - Climate of High Expectations for Success
  - Instructional Leadership
  - Clear and Focused Mission
  - Opportunity to Learn and Student Time on Task
  - Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress
  - Home-School Relations
- TEKS Alignment/Benchmarks
- Technology
- New Teacher Support & Follow-up (Mentor Assistance Program-MAP)
- Shared Decision-Making
- Girls & Boys Town Education Making

A general needs survey was conducted. Three areas were surveyed: Staff Development & the Administrator, Staff Development & the Teacher, and Staff Development & Support Staff. Members offered suggestions for future sessions.

## DROPOUT UPDATE

Dr. Betty Krohn, Director for Dropout Prevention presented an update on dropout prevention initiatives. The department has two primary goals: 1. Help students graduate in four years from the time they enter high school and 2. Reduce the number of dropouts by a. Encouraging students to continue their education and b. Assisting students to obtain a diploma in the Extended Services Program.

Prevention programs include: Junior High Grade Recovery, High School Credit Recovery, 9th Grade Center at Venture High School, Summer School, and Extended Services.

**TEA WAIVERS**

Anne Brassell, Executive Director for Secondary Education presented a TEA waiver allowing for modified schedule of classes on TAKS testing days for the 2007-2008 school year to reduce interruptions during testing periods. DIDC felt this waiver will provide the best possible testing environment for AISD students.

Ms. Becky Reynolds, DIDC Co-Facilitator thanked everyone for their participation, and the meeting was adjourned.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 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: Jerry McCullough, Administration Building**  
**Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Lester Wolff, 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: Becky Reynolds, DIDC Co-Facilitator, c/o Anne Brassell, Secondary Instruction, Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas 76013. The **deadline** for consideration at the next DIDC meeting is **June 1, 2007**. All input by this date will be shared with the committee at its June 11, 2007 meeting. 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

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