

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

Karen Hill, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Items discussed:

DROPOUT PREVENTION UPDATE

Wendy Carrington, Director of Drop-Out Prevention presented an overview of drop-out prevention programs and early intervention efforts. Information shared included the current graduation rates, drop out rates, high school equivalency certificate rates, and percentage of students who remain in high school more than four years after entering grade nine. Prevention efforts target two areas:

1. Helps students graduate in four years from the time they enter high school and 2. Reduce the number of dropouts by encouraging students to continue their education. Also addressed were the alternative methods of earning high school credit. They include:

- Credit Recovery
- Venture School
- Evening School
- Credit by examination
- Correspondence courses

The committee requested to have an annual update on dropout prevention efforts.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Karen Hill, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction, presented and explained the revised District Improvement Plan Process. The revised process includes a Comprehensive Needs Assessment Tool which will be used to develop measurable performance objectives and activities for improvement. Additionally, campus and district plans are to be completed prior to the start of the school year with Board of Trustee approval in September. The district goals will remain the same with the focus of becoming a Texas Education Agency Recognized District. The committee unanimously supported the continuation of the District Goals and the timeline for approval.

PROMOTION AND RETENTION POLICIES

Karen Hill reviewed the current AISD Promotion and Retention Policies. Discussion included Optional Extended Year Services, Summer School, Student Success Initiative, Grade Placement Committee and the use of the Plato Lab as possible considerations and support for students. Members were given an opportunity pose questions related to promotion and retention.

Karen Hill thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting was adjourned.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:35 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: 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: Dave McGarity, DIDC Co-Facilitator, 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

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