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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
DISTRICTWIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
October 16, 2008  
4:30 p.m.  
NEEC  
Room 614**

The first meeting for the 2008-2009 school was called to order by Dr. Alicia H. Thomas, Associate Superintendent/Chief Instructional Officer. In attendance were, Mary Baker, Eric Brunson, Jana Carter, Pam Darling, Scott, DeSha, David Dretke, Susan Fox, Melissa Gavlick, Kathryn Hancock, Toni Keith, Julie Bingol, Mark Koehl, Rosa Lopez, Holly McCollum, Alicia Million, Michael Pitts, Danny Rafajko, Christina Ritter, Scott Rogers, Patricia Stone, Christopher Thompson, Sandra Torres, and Jacqueline Walsh. The following were absent: Vicki Auth, Reagan Greer, Mandy Kaupert, Raul Quiroz, and Jennifer Stotts. Dr. Richard Middleton, Superintendent of Schools joined the Council to give the State of the District address. The following is a summary of the DEIC discussion.

**Agenda Item #1, Welcome and Introductions. (Dr. Thomas)** Dr. Thomas welcomed the new and returning Council members to the first meeting for 2008 – 2009. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves.

**Agenda Item #2, State of the District (Dr. Richard Middleton)** Dr. Middleton gave the State of the District address. He said North East is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest district in the State. Student enrollment is at approximately 63,000 and continues to grow.

With little or additional state support, the district must find ways to save and reduce cost throughout the district. Important decisions will have to be made in the coming months to ensure the district's financial future. Dr. Middleton said an austerity committee is being formed to help guide the district through this process in this effort and bring cost savings throughout the district.

This year, the district is implementing a new program called Leadership North East where district personnel and community leaders will be meeting on a monthly basis to discuss important issues and challenges that we face throughout the district.

Dr. Middleton thanked the Council for their participation as a member of the DEIC and willingness to serve the district.

**Agenda Item # 3, Election of DEIC Chairperson (Dr. Thomas)** Dr. Thomas asked for nominations for chairperson of DEIC. Nominations were received and a vote taken. Mary Baker was elected to serve as DEIC chairman for 2008-2009.

**Agenda Item # 4, Informational Items ((Dr. Thomas)** Included in the informational items handed out to each member was:

- ❖ List of DEIC members
- ❖ Board Policy – BQA (LOCAL)
- ❖ Texas Education Code -§11.251
- ❖ *Draft* – 2008-09 DEIC Brochure
- ❖ 2008-2009 NEISD School Calendars\*

**Agenda Item # 5, Calendar Planning Information (Dr.Thomas)** Information packets were handed out to Council members. Included in the packets were:

- ❖ 2009-2010 Northside ISD Calendar
- ❖ Calendar of Jewish Holidays 2009-2010
- ❖ Holiday Summary 2009-2010
- ❖ Testing Calendar 2009-2010

Dr. Thomas said the Council will draft a proposed 2009 - 2010 calendar and she requested the Council to study the information and be ready to discuss calendar options at the next DEIC meeting in November. A proposed calendar will be presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval at the December Board meeting.

**Miscellaneous Items: (Dr. Thomas)** A question was asked regarding AP, GT, and PreAP classes are being weighted for class rank. Dr. Thomas said these classes are weighted. Class rank starts when students enter the 9<sup>h</sup> grade.

**Agenda Item # 6, Next Meeting Date (Mary Baker)** In order to facilitate future meeting dates, the Council discussed dates and times and a motion was made and seconded to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. The next DEIC meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item # 7, Adjournment (Mary Baker)** The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.