



# *North East Independent School District*

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**MEETING MINUTES  
OF  
DISTRICTWIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
(DEIC)  
October 15 2009  
4:30 p.m.  
NEEC  
Room 614.00**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Thomas.

In attendance were: Vicki Auth, Julie Bingol, Jana Carter, Pam Darling, Scott, DeSha, Sarah Erickson, Walter Evans, Tiffany Gil, Reagan Greer, Linda Hamilton, Brian Hurley, Karen Katims, Rosa Lopez, Melissa McClure, Alicia Million, Raul Quiroz, Danny Rafajko, Peter Rangel, Mary Reeves, Lisa Resendez-Espinoza, Scott Rogers, Jacqueline Walsh, and Christina Wood. Dr. Richard Middleton gave the State of the District Address.

The following were absent: Toni Keith, Christopher Thompson, Sybel Pici, Michael Pitts, Patricia Stone, and Sandra Torres.

The following is a summary of the DEIC discussion.

**Agenda Item #1, Welcome, (Dr. Thomas)** Dr. Thomas welcomed everyone to the first DEIC meeting for 2009-2010. New and returning Council members were asked to introduce themselves.

**Agenda Item #2, State of the District (Dr. Richard Middleton)** Dr. Middleton thanked the Council for their participation as a member of the DEIC and willingness to serve the district. He discussed the District's financial situation and said the District has set a goal of reducing expenditures over the next three years. Several cost saving measures have been implemented, but more are needed. He said the District has many challenges ahead. This is a difficult period for everyone, but the District will continue to provide a quality education for all the students of NEISD.

**Agenda Item # 3, (Alicia Thomas) Election of DEIC Chair (Dr. Thomas)** Dr. Thomas asked for nominations for chair of DEIC. Nominations were received and a vote taken. Jana Carter by was elected to serve as DEIC chair for 2009-2010.

**Agenda Item #4, Informational Items (DEIC Chair)** Ms. Carter reviewed the informational items that were handed out to each member. Include were:

- ❖ List of DEIC members
- ❖ Board Policy – BQA (LOCAL)
- ❖ Texas Education Code -§11.251
- ❖ 2009-2010 NEISD School Calendar
- ❖ *Draft* – 2009-2010 DEIC Brochure

**Agenda Item, #5, Calendar Planning Information, (DEIC Chair)** Ms Carter reviewed the Calendar Planning Information packets with the Council that were handed out. Included in the packets were:

- ❖ 2010-2011 Northside ISD Calendar
- ❖ Calendar of Jewish Holidays 2010-2011
- ❖ Holiday Summary 2010-2011
- ❖ Testing Calendar 2010-2011

Dr. Thomas said at the next DEIC Council meeting in November the Council would draft a proposed 2010 – 2011 Calendar, so that it can be presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval at the Regular Board meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item # 6, Next Meeting Date, (Jana Carter)** After a brief discussion, the Council selected Thursday, November 19, 2009 - 4:30 p.m. as the next DEIC meeting date and a location to be announced later.

**Miscellaneous** – Dr. Thomas discussed briefly the End of Credit (EOC) exams and the field test results. EOC exams are averaging about a 52% pass rate during the field tests, thus raising concern.

She also discussed briefly the seven major challenges for the Division of Instruction for 2009-10. Listed are the Challenges:

- Challenge 1: Differentiating Instruction to meet the diverse needs of all students.
- Challenge 2: Closing the achievement gap between student populations.
- Challenge 3: Meeting the higher standards of both federal and state accountability.
- Challenge 4: Transitioning High Schools from TAKS to the End of Course exams.
- Challenge 5: Modifying high school course offerings as a result of the 4 X 4.
- Challenge 6: Preparing 21<sup>st</sup>-century students for digital citizenship.
- Challenge 7: Providing sufficient facilities and staff.

**Agenda Item # 7, Adjournment (Jana Carter)** The meeting was adjourned at 5.55 p.m.