



District-Wide

Consultation

Committee

DWCC Minutes – Tuesday, September 25, 2012

District Consultation Committee

The DWCC met Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 4:00 pm in the Crockett Room at One AISD Center. Chair, Cindy Earles, called the meeting to order and welcomed members back. Members present were Sharlyn Bammel, Al Dunlap, Cindy Hay, Cindy Boyd, Rebekah Sellers, Tom Tomaras, and Jessica Melsons. Also present were Dr. Heath Burns, Karen Stover, and Phil Ashby. Cary Owens, Billy Stone and Stacy Gilley were the meeting's presenters.

- **Cindy Earles called for a vote to elect a chairperson for the 2012-2013 school year. Cindy was asked to serve another year and she accepted.**
- **Meeting days for 2012-13 were discussed:**
 - Tuesdays will work until October 16 when tutoring begins.
 - ***DWCC's next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, 2012.***
 - Members decided the dates for other meetings will be chosen at each meeting.
- **Unfilled positions**
 - We still have 3 unfilled positions on the DWCC Committee
 - Cindy urged members to encourage teachers this next year to apply for open positions next fall.
- **Presenters:**
 - **Cary Owens: District and Campus Improvement Plans**
 - Explained that the District Improvement Plan is a live document that is being updated as changes occur.
 - Presented an overview of the DIP and CIP and how they are linked together through activities as they apply to a district goal.
 - Encouraged the committee to go on the AISD website and review the campus and district plans. If they have any questions or possible suggestions to please contact her.
(How to access the plans: www.abileneisd.org , then go to OUR DISTRICT (TAB)-scroll to Accountability, then on the left side of screen go to 2012-13 District and Campus Plans)
 - **Billy Stone: Compensatory Education Report**
 - *'The State Compensatory Education Program is mandated to provide services to identified at-risk students, which will reduce any disparity in performance on assessment instruments administered under Subchapter B, Chapter 39 and to reduce any disparity in the rates of high school completion between students identified as at-risk and all other district students' (§29.081, Texas Education Code and 77th SB702 Enrolled-Bill Text).*
 - Please see attached handout for additional information outlining programs funded with Comp Ed budget.
 - Cindy asked for a motion to accept the annual Compensatory Education Report. Cindy Boyd made motion to accept the report as stands and Al Dunlap seconded.

- **Stacy Gilley: Race to the Top Federal Grant**
 - This is a grant that could bring between \$20 to 30 million in funding. There will be over 1,000 school districts competing for the grant, but only 20 to 30 will actually receive it.
 - A handout was distributed outlining the facts about the grant.
 - Dr. Heath Burns, Superintendent of Schools and Stacy Gilley, Director, Office of School Improvement are both working on writing the ***Race to the Top Grant*** for our district.
 - Stacy gave an overview of the grant and its background. She asked for input from the DWCC committee on ways the grant could be used for district needs.
 - Discussion included:
 - A licensed social worker on every campus or at least high needs campuses
 - CIS on more campuses
 - Funding for assistance with refugees
 - Special Ed funding (more staff, equipment, etc.)
 - Additional dyslexia teachers for the district
 - Help with lowering class sizes, especially in Special Ed
 - Promethean boards for every classroom
 - Expanding current PLATO Program
 - Funding for more foreign languages to be taught
 - Health programs
 - Funding to bring back the Sex Ed program
 - If the DWCC Committee members have suggestions, they were asked to write at least 2 to 3 very concise paragraphs explaining how it will help teacher instruction and their students then send it to Stacy ASAP.
 - Dr. Burns and Stacy feel this grant would be an asset to AISD.
 - A letter has been sent out to all teachers in the district with a copy of **the Fast Facts** document on the grant. The district needs to have at least 70% of teachers on board.
 - The grant must be submitted within the next 30 days.
- *Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, in the Valley View Room at 4:00 p.m.* to discuss school calendars for 2013-14 and 2014-15.
 - Members asked for copies of the two blank calendars to start reviewing. (the blank calendars are part of the attachments)
 - Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Karen Murphy, Secretary
for the DWCC Committee