



*District-Wide*

*Consultation*

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**DWCC Minutes – Wednesday, October 26, 2011**

**District Consultation Committee**

The Districtwide Consultation Committee met on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the Alta Vista Room at One AISD Center. Chair, Cindy Earles, called the meeting to order. Members present were Kay Loftin, Sharlyn Bammel, Bekah Sellers, Tabitha Coffman, Cindy Boyd, Al Dunlap, Vonnie Perry, Cindy Hay, Adam Turner, Steven Leggett and Jessica Melson. Also present were Karen Stover and Phil Ashby. Gaile B. Thompson, Executive Director of Secondary Education, was guest presenter.

Cindy Earles and current members welcomed two of the three new members Adam Turner and Jessica Melson that will take their place on the committee. Tom Tomaras was unable to attend the meeting.

**Agenda:**

**I. Cindy Earles introduced Gaile B. Thompson:**

A. Mrs. Thompson's presentation addressed the *'Proposed AISD Administrative Policies and Procedures for the STAAR EOC (end of course) Assessments.'*

- *Talking Points* – focused on the elimination of semester and final exams at the secondary levels
- *The STAAR EOC test* – will take the place of finals
- *The STAAR EOC test* – is considered a high stakes exam (*please refer to the handout attached to the minutes for detailed explanations and new requirements*)
- *Questions & Statements* – several committee members made statements on their understanding of the EOC and had questions for Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson addressed all subject matter presented with satisfaction for the committee.

**II. Calendar:**

- A. Cindy Earles presented a calendar for the committee to review that she had prepared.
- B. The STAAR Testing window dates have not been posted yet for 2012-13, therefore it is difficult to complete the calendar without the information.
- C. There were some concerns for dates that were discussed to be added to the new calendar.
- D. Committee members realized after several minutes of discussion concerning the calendar that they were not prepared to make any decisions. They felt they needed to study the calendar and come up with additional scenarios that might have a better fit.
- E. A mistake was found on the sample calendar for 2012-13. The date for Thanksgiving was off by a week. Karen Murphy said she would make the correction and send out a new calendar along with the updated contact list and the meeting's minutes to all members.

- F. Cindy Earles suggested that the members meet again in one or two weeks to work on the calendar. The members felt they needed at least two weeks. Cindy suggested Wednesday, November 9, 2011 for the next meeting and the members agreed.
- G. Karen Murphy said she would check the date to see what was open and let the chairperson know.

**III. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.**

Karen Murphy

Secretary for the DWCC