



*District-Wide*

*Consultation*

*Committee*

## **DWCC Minutes – Monday, September 26, 2011**

### **District Consultation Committee**

The Districtwide Consultation Committee met on Monday, September 26, 2011, at 4:10 pm in the Crockett Room at One AISD Center. Chair, Cindy Earles, called the meeting to order. Members present were Sharlyn Bammel, Bekah Sellers, Cindy Boyd, Al Dunlap, Vonnie Perry, Cindy Hay, and Charlene Richardson. Also present were Karen Stover and Phil Ashby. Billy Stone and Cary Owens were guest presenters.

Cindy Earles welcomed the DWCC Committee back.

#### **I. Agenda:**

- A. Welcome
- B. Presenters
- C. Election of Chairman for 2011-2012
- D. Positions to be filled (Community, Parent, and Business)
- E. Meeting Days (possibly change)

#### **II. Presenters:**

##### **A. Billy Stone, Director of Compensatory Education**

###### ➤ Handout- State Compensatory Education Programs:

- The purpose of State Compensatory Education Funds is to provide supplemental instructional opportunities for students at-risk of dropping out of school. The state sets the criteria.
- Programs added are System 44 and Read 180 / Reading Intervention tools
- Nothing else has changed from past years.
- Mr. Stone explained that the district tries to meet the older students' schedules to take refresher courses to pass the TAKS test in order to receive their diplomas from high school
- Mr. Stone asked the DWCC Committee to review his handout of State Compensatory Education Programs and see if they see a need for any other programs to be considered.
- Cindy Earles ask for a motion to accept the report by Billy Stone to be accepted as stands. Cindy Hay requested the motion and Cindy Boyd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Cary Owens, Instructional Technology Coordinator**

###### ➤ Handout – District Improvement Plan

- The DIP was approved by the Board of Trustees in July 2011 so that the principals could link their Campus Improvement Plans at the beginning the new school year.
- The DIP is a 'live document'- meaning it is continuously being updated or changed when needed.
- All campus activities are based on their campuses goals and have to be linked to the *District Goals and Activities*.
- Cary asked that the committee review the 'DIP' handout and determine if any changes or additions need to be made.

**C. Karen Stover, Executive Director of Elementary Education and the Administrator for the DWCC Committee.**

➤ Handout – 2011-2012 District Calendar

- Mrs. Stover has been given the charge to present the Optional Flexible Year Plan (OFYP) to the DWCC Committee and report back to Dr. Burns their responses.
- The OFYP is designed to provide additional days for secondary students at-risk and struggling to pass their courses.
- A district must have a minimum of 180 days of instruction. Our district has 177 days of instruction and 3 alternative staff development days. To get the 180 instructional days, we would no longer have the alternative staff development days.
- Students that are at-risk would be divided up in smaller class sizes on those days of instruction to help them catch up and pass the course.
- Most districts participating in this program are smaller. Some have been doing it for two or three year. There was a significant drop in districts participation from last year to this year. At this point we do not know the OFYP districts performance year to year.
- Mrs. Stover asked for committee input about implementing the OFYP in our district.

▪ **Responses from the committee members:**

- ✓ Felt it would not be well received by the teachers or families.
- ✓ New and/or expanded initiatives just now in place have not been fully implemented yet.
  - Read 180, System 44, RM, Plato Labs, Istation, ESP, expanded tutorials, etc.
- ✓ Eliminating alternative staff development days would be unpopular with teaching staff.
- ✓ Many variables in schedules for families w/children on different calendars/school day
- ✓ Questions on attendance among at-risk students with poor attendance already
- ✓ Transportation issues?
- ✓ Many teachers feeling “stretched” now – lots on their plates and learning new programs, etc.
- ✓ Let’s give our current programs a chance to develop and see how they do.
- ✓ At this time the DWCC Committee is not in favor of recommending the OFYP to our district. They feel that we need at least a year to better evaluate current and newly introduced intervention programs.

➤ **Election of Chairman for 2011-2012**

- Cindy Earles stated a motion needed to be made to elect a new DWCC Committee chairman for 2011-2012.
- Charlene Richardson made the motion to re-elect Cindy Earles as chairperson for the ensuing year and the motion was seconded by Sharlyn Bammel.
- The motion passed unanimously by the attending committee members.
- Cindy Earles will continue as the DWCC Chairman for 2011-12.

- **Name suggestions for the 3 positions open (Business, Community, and Parent)**
  - Community – Tom Tomaras (Al Dunlap will contact Tom)
  - Business – Adam Turner (Sharlyn Bammel will contact Adam)
  - Parent – Jessica Melson (Austin Elementary) (Vonnie Perry will contact Jessica)
  - All contact members will report back to the committee with the candidate's replies.
  
- **Meeting dates for 2011-12 school year.**
  - Mondays, Wednesdays, or alternating days are being considered due to committee member's scheduling conflicts.
  - Cindy Earles will review the committee members calendars.
  
- **Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.**

Karen Murphy

Secretary for the DWCC

Attachment:      Handouts