

**BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
2007-2008**

MINUTES:

The Breckenridge Independent School District Improvement Committee met on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 4:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following committee members were present at the meeting:

Connie Martin	Linda Sims	Roberta Brown
Bryan Dieterich	Molly Peterson	Susan Shortes
Marlene Coplen	Sharron Kitchens	Vince Moore
Tracey Blackshear	Robert Burchett	Jeff Fleenor
David Browning	Shannon Kingery	Tori Williams
Deborah Gonzales	Beverly Olson	Christi Finn

Those absent were as follows: Dwayne Dove, Kathey Collinsworth, Kendra Cornett, Hallee Pesch, Derinda Holland

Mrs. Sims welcomed the committee.

Planning: The District Improvement Council began the business meeting with a discussion of the 2008-2009 school calendar. One of the duties of the committee is to develop a calendar for the next school year. The committee studied the proposed calendar and discussed issues regarding the number of instructional days required. Committee members were to ask for input from teachers, parents and community. The committee will discuss changes in the February meeting before presenting to the Board of Trustees.

The Texas Education Agency recently released the 2006-2007 Academic Excellence System, AEIS, report. The committee reviewed the report. The AEIS report provides information on the State Assessment results from the 2007 testing for each grade level (3-12) as well as each subgroup. It also presents a comparison of the district to state and Region 14. Other indicators included college readiness information, student information, staff information, district financial information and program information. Mrs. Sims walked the committee through all the indicators and asked for questions or clarifications. She told the committee that this report is important to the development of the District Improvement Plan. This report is one instrument used in a comprehensive needs assessment to outline needs and develop goals for the district in the upcoming year. It was presented to the Board of Trustees in their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 10, 2007.

Gold Performance acknowledgements were also received by three campuses in the district. Breckenridge High School received three which included Comparable Improvement in Mathematics and also in Reading/Language Arts as well as Recommended High School Plan. Breckenridge Junior High were Commended in Writing and Comparable Improvement in Mathematics. For the first time, South Elementary was awarded a Gold Performance for Comparable Improvement in Mathematics.

BISD will make application for a waiver that will allow the district to modify the schedule of classes on TAKS Testing days during the current school year to reduce interruptions during testing periods. The district has applied for this waiver in the past. An application must be made each school year.

Mrs. Sims shared with the committee that BISD had in place a School Health Advisory Committee that was elected by the Board of Trustee to assist the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in the District's health education. One of the duties of this committee is to review, revise and/or recommend methods of instruction for human sexuality education. At the December 10, 2007 meeting the Board of Trustees had approved to update the current sex education curriculum that was adopted in 1991. It will be the responsibility of the SHAC to make recommendation to the Board.

Budget: Mrs. Brown presented the financial report that described the revenue and expenditures by program for the period ending November 30, 2007. Mrs. Brown reported that the revenue was at 40%. The taxes revenues would be coming in during January and February. She reviewed with the committee the operating cash position for the period ending November 11, 2007.

Curriculum and Instruction: Mrs. Sims told the committee that BISD has met Adequately Yearly Progress. The assessment is based on TAKS scores in reading and mathematics, graduation/completion rates and attendance/dropout rates. Not only did the district meet AYP but all five campuses as well were successful on this assessment.

Three campuses at BISD are providing a formal after-school program to assist students in increasing academic performance. Transportation is being provided for students within the city limits.

Special State and Federal Program Information Update: The district application for Optional Extended Year is due in February. This year BISD receive a slight increase in funding compared to last year. The funds would be used to help pay four teacher salaries, secretarial salary and provide some supplies; however, the grant allocations would not begin to cover the cost of the program where at least fifteen teachers are needed. Other local and federal funding must be used to pay remaining cost.

Staffing Patterns: At this point in time, BISD will have two positions that need to be filled for the 2008-2009 school year. The fine arts teacher at South Elementary was moved to a fifth grade mathematics position due of an increase in student enrollment.

The district plans to hire a music teacher for South Elementary. This would not only benefit the students who receive limited musical training but would also support the band program. The second position is one of science/coach at the Junior High. With the death of Rachel Harrist, that position remains unfilled. The other two science teachers have taken the classes which has increased the number of students in each class.

Staff Development: There is continuous staff development at BISD. Administrators have been involved in AEIS-It Training. The AEIS-It program is replacing TRIAND in disaggregating benchmarks and TAKS scores.

Two staff members received training to be training leaders for TBSI/Crisis Intervention. Each campus has a crisis team that is required to receive update training each year. As new members come on the team they must have full TBSI training.

A new law is requiring every district to do physical assessments on students in grades 3-12. Two staff members have attended a trainer of trainer's conference to be able to return to BISD and train all of those who will be assessing the students. Mr. Dove will be attending a TETN meeting to find out how to order the software program and install it at appropriate campuses.

Students and teachers are now required to be trained in bus evacuation. Mr. Wolfe and his staff are in the process of completing that training at every campus. This assessment must be done twice during the year.

District Technology: Mr. Dove was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given.

School Organization: Student enrollment was down 55 students on December 3, 2007 as compared to December 1, 2006. The current enrollment stands at 1591.

Formative Evaluation: The committee conducted a formative evaluation of the Campus Improvement Plan to complete the agenda. The committee was encouraged to ask questions, make comments, or suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

