

BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
2005-2006

MINUTES:

The Breckenridge Independent School District Improvement Committee met on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 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:

Connie Martin	Linda Sims	Roberta Brown
Kathey Collinsworth	Marjorie Thompson	Rebecca Blackman
Brent Evans	Stephanie Russell	Lela Russell
Dwayne Dove	Robert Burchett	Pat Renschler
Lisa Schwandner	Martye Underwood	Sheila Tonne
Lilas Davis		

Those not present were as follows: Kathy McCullough, Mark Wilcox, Joe Bob Jackson, Leslie Blackerby, Bryan Dieterich, Cindy Creager, Dovie Olaves

Welcome: The meeting was called to order and members were welcomed.

Planning: The committee was given a run-down of summer programs. This year BISD will add a Summer Fun program for homeless students identified in the district. The program will begin on June 5 and end on June 9. Summer school will be at Junior High this year for grades 4-9 and at East Elementary for grades EC-2. Mrs. Martin explained to the committee the facts and details that prompted the Board of Trustees to initiate a bond for a multi-purpose gym and fine arts facility. The committee had several questions and Mrs. Martin gave committee members a question and answer document that addressed many of the questions that had been asked since the bond issue began. Mrs. Martin explained that one use for the facility would be to add several vocational courses for those students who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing after they complete high school. The Texas Workforce Commission of Abilene and local businesses are working with BISD to provide courses that would enable non-college bound students to become productive citizens in our community.

Budget: Roberta Brown, BISD Business Manager, reviewed current budget information with the committee. The district personnel have completed their budgets for the upcoming year. The next step is to review budgets so that they can be finalized and presented to the board in July. Mrs. Brown also informed the committee that Bridgette Holmes, Director of Child Nutrition, had resigned and BISD is currently looking for a replacement for that position.

Curriculum and Instruction:

This week BISD children have been taking TAKS Test in Mathematics, reading, English/language arts, social studies and science. Much effort and preparation has gone into preparing students for this battery of test. Third and fifth grade reading results are in and the students came up at both grade levels.

State and Federal Programs: We are coming to the end of this year's state and federal programs and are gearing up to begin final reports that will be due in September. We will be looking at Title I applications to see that all the information is correct before May 1, the date that any changes must be submitted. The district has applied for the fourth quarter of the Hurricane Emergency Impact Grant. This grant assists districts who have registered student evacuees within the district. BISD has had six students enrolled and at this time we have five students who have remained in the district. The Child Nutrition Act and the National School Lunch Act has required school districts that currently participate in either of these two programs to adopt a local wellness policy that must be in place by the first day of instruction in the 2006-2007 school year. The committee reviewed each section of the draft and was given an opportunity to add to or delete any part of the policy. The only comment was from a third grade student who requested more time for physical education classes. A unanimous vote was given to except the policy as written. The proposed policy will be presented to the Board of Trustees on Monday, April 24, 2006 for board approval.

Staffing Patterns: The Superintendent, Director of Instruction, Business Manager and Campus Administrators are reviewing district and campus personnel needs for the 2006-2007 school year. The campus administrators keep the Superintendent; Mrs. Martin informed on campus staffing needs.

Staff Development: All district teachers, aides and administrators will be involved in summer staff development. There are excellent workshops being offered both within the district as well as at Region 14, Education Service Center. All teachers were asked to complete a staff development needs assessment. Many of the items identified on that assessment will be addressed at local summer workshops.

School Organization: Student enrollment for April 3, 2006, was 1627 which is an increase of 35 students from April 1, 2005 when enrollment was 1592.

Technology: Dwayne Dove, District Technology Director, informed the committee the district had experienced some problems with Skyward over the Easter break. He discovered that network problems were the cause and were addressed. Teachers were then able to complete their grades on the Skyward program. He also presented to the district a new hands-on system that could be utilized throughout the district in any subject area. He invited the committee to stay after the meeting for a demonstration. Several committee members remained after the meeting to have the opportunity to see this new technology at work.

Formative Evaluation: The committee was presented the formative evaluation of the District Improvement Plan to review.

District Improvement Committee Needs Assessment: Each committee member was given a formal needs assessment worksheet to make suggestions concerning programs, technology, facilities, parent involvement and other areas of need. The committee discussed suggestions for 2006-2007 with the time that was left.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned.