

**BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
2008-2009**

**MINUTES:**

**The Breckenridge Independent School District Improvement Committee met on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 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:

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| Connie Martin   | Linda Sims    | James Marrs     |
| Bryan Dieterich | Vince Moore   | Kim Fuller      |
| Molly Peterson  | Jana Davis    | David Brownrigg |
| Anissa Briseno  | Sandy Morris  | Dwayne Dove     |
| Marlene Coplen  | Beverly Olson | Dane Richardson |

Those not present were as follows: Deedra Boaz, Shannon Kingery, Derinda Holland, Winnie Barclay, Kendra Cornett, Brent Evans, Robert Burchett and Skip Griffith.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Planning:** The committee reviewed the current District Parent Involvement policy. Each member was provided a worksheet that enabled them to evaluate and revise the policy for the 2009-2010 school year. Recommendations were made by the committee for changes and additions to update the document.

**Budget:** James Marrs, BISD Business Manager, presented budget information that included current revenues amounts and expenditures to date. The total revenue was at 94% for the period ending March 31, 2009. He explained that total expenditures for that date were at approximately sixty percent. Mr. Marrs had recently returned from Austin and stated that all the districts in the state were waiting on the Legislature to decide what school funding will look like in 2009-2010. We will have some answers by June 1, 2009, the last day of the session. We will also be waiting to see what happens to local property taxes as well as Federal and State funding. BISD will be receiving funds from the ARRA, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. However, these funds will only be available for two years. The district will have to make some serious decisions about how those funds are spent to insure that the district is in compliance with the ARRA guidelines.

**Curriculum and Instruction:** BISD has received the first round of reading and math TAKS scores. Students in grade 3, 5, and 8 must pass the reading TAKS to be promoted to the next grade. There will be two more opportunities for those who have not met standard to retake the TAKS Reading Assessment. Students in grade 5 and 8 are required to pass both the reading and the mathematics assessments. They will have two opportunities to retake the math, as they do the reading, in order to meet standard. The

scores are at the recommended level at South Elementary and in the exemplary range at North Elementary and Junior High and are as follows:

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| North Elementary | 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade | 91% met standard on the TAKS Reading                                       |
| South Elementary | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade | 85% met standard on the TAKS Reading<br>86% met standard on the TAKS Math  |
| Junior High      | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | 97% met standard on the TAKS Reading<br>90 % met standard on the TAKS Math |

The goal for this year is to be a recognized district with at least two exemplary campuses and three recognized. These increased scores reflect the move toward meeting that goal.

**State and Federal Programs:** The district has received maximum entitlements amounts in Federal Program funding. Maximum entitlements are an increase in the amount of funding that the district will receive. BISD will receive stimulus money in the Title I, Part A program and also in the Title II, Part D. Comprehensive Needs Assessments will identify where the money can be used to raise student achievement.

**Staffing Patterns:** Mrs. Connie Martin has decided to retire at the end of June. She leaves us with big shoes to fill. Her contributions to the district have been great. As we approach the end of the school year, the district will be identifying staffing needs. Other resignations are imminent. The incoming Superintendent will be address administrative openings once he/she is in place.

**Staff Development:** The staff has just completed a needs assessment to identify topics for staff development this summer. Teachers must attend three days of staff development each summer to receive comp-time for days during the school year. Along with required training updates, this summer the teachers will also be able to choose workshops from the following categories: technology application, hands-on instruction in the core areas and Bloom's Taxonomy. We are encouraging teachers to attend some of the outstanding staff development being offered at ESC 14 as well as some online options. Gifted and Talented teachers must attend six hours of training each year to maintain their certification. Coaches, UIL sponsors, band directors and bus drivers must receive CPR/First Aide training each year. Others will need CPR training if their CPR cards have expired.

**School Organization:** Student enrollment for April 1, 2009 was 1529 which is down 48 students from April 1, 2008 when enrollment was 1577.

**Technology Update:** Dwayne Dove, Technology Director

**Formative Evaluation:** The committee was presented with a formative evaluation.

**Needs Assessment:** The committee conducted a district comprehensive needs assessment. The results of this as well as the campus needs assessments with determine

how the state and federal funds are spent in 2009-2010. It will also determine the use of the stimulus money that BISD will receive beginning next year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.