

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

MINUTES:

The Breckenridge Independent School District Improvement Committee met on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 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	Chandler Snow
Bryan Dieterich	Dane Richardson	Vince Moore
Kim Fuller	Robert Burchett	Molly Peterson
Jana Davis	David Brownrigg	Anissa Briseno
Kendra Cornett	Sandy Morris	Winnie Barclay
Beverly Olson		

Those not present were as follows: Dwayne Dove; Brent Evans; Deedra Boaz; Shannon Kingery; Skip Griffith; Derinda Holland

Linda Sims brought the meeting to order and welcomed committee members.

Planning: The committee reviewed District Goals I and II of the District Improvement Plan. The two goals focus on student achievement and staff qualifications. The Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report released in mid-November was presented to the committee for review as was the PEIMS Data Report. Indicators were discussed in both reports. Committee members were asked to note areas of strengths and weaknesses to help determine the academic needs to be incorporated into the District Improvement Plan for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mrs. Sims gave to the committee a first draft calendar for 2009-2010. After analysis, members provided input and several changes were made. The calendar will be examined by campus and community members, and a final calendar will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the January board meeting.

Budget: Chandler Snow presented the budget report from November 30th. He shared with the committee that we had recently gone through audit and the results were good. Property tax revenue was down but we could expect it to be up after the first of the year.

Curriculum and Instruction: The committee learned that the district had received an acknowledgement concerning the completion of the Fitnessgram, the physical assessment given to the 3 – 12 grade students. Mrs. Collinsworth, North Elementary physical education teacher, is the BISD Fitness Coordinator. She was in charge of the program. BISD is proud of the work that Mrs. Collinsworth does in getting teachers trained and coordinating the campuses to complete the assessment.

Nine of the district's science teachers participated in Texas Regional Science and Math Collaborative. They were required to complete 105 hours of training qualifying them as science mentors. Not only did they receive outstanding training but also were awarded science equipment to be used on their individual campuses. The teachers were recognized at a luncheon hosted by Region 14 held at the Abilene Country Club. They receive Certificates of Achievement as evidence of dedication to life-long learning and commitment to the teaching profession.

State and Federal Programs: BISD has received a Notice of Grant Award from TEA for the Title VI – Rural and Low Income grant in the amount of \$39,785.

Staffing Patterns: BISD has received the Highly Qualified Summary Report from TEA documenting that 100% of the BISD teachers are highly qualified in their teaching field. Because of the resignation of a Spanish teacher prior to the school starting, a teacher at TSTC was hired to teach three classes of Spanish at BHS. This teacher was in the process of completing her testing, lacking only the oral exam for Spanish certification. Letters were sent out to the parents in September notifying them that the teacher was not fully certified at that time to teach Spanish. However, she did complete that certification prior to November 15, 2008 making her highly qualified.

This year, for the first time, paraprofessionals on Title I campuses must also meet the highly qualified standard as mandated by TEA. Paraprofessionals are considered highly qualified if they achieve one of the following criteria: hold an Associates Degree; have 48 or more college hours in any field; or attend the Paraprofessional Academy offered through Region 14 Educational Service Center. BISD paraprofessionals are 100% highly qualified.

Staff Development: On November 25, prior to the Thanksgiving Holidays, each campus participated in staff development based on the needs of the campus. High School had a workshop on Grade Book: How to Make Grade Changes while all coaches and PE teachers were trained on giving the Fitnessgram Physical Assessment. Junior High and South Elementary took part in Smartboard Training and Strategies for Conducting Tutorials as they reviewed a new program for campus tutorials, Study Island. North Elementary second grade teachers attended a workshop presented by Donna Shear entitled, The First 21 Days of Small Group Instruction. Third grade teachers worked with Leslie Koske on Math Data. Finally, East Elementary looked at Learning Wheel Curriculum that focuses on curriculum, assessment, and student learning styles.

School Organization: Student enrollment for December 1, 2008 was 1516 which is down 75 students from December 3, 2007 when enrollment was 1591.

Technology Update: Mr. Dove was unavailable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Formative Evaluation: The committee was presented with a formative evaluation over Goals I and II.

Needs Assessment: Before the close of the meeting, members were asked to complete a needs assessment survey focused on student achievement. Once completed the meeting was adjourned.