

BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
2010-2011

MINUTES:

The Breckenridge Independent School District Improvement Committee met on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 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:

Jennings Teel	Linda Sims	Danny Freeman
Shelle Crenshaw	Stacey Donaldson	Marjorie Thompson
Lee Garner	Claudia Yeager	Charles Best
Katherine Mauldin	Aaron Lewis	Abby Moore
Cindy Cargal	Jennifer McKay	Stacey Donaldson

Those not present were as follows: Dwayne Dove, Bryan Dieterich, Leslie Harris, Jan Loggains, Jennifer Herrington, Susan Moore, Virgil Moore, Cassie Griffith

**Welcome and Committee Training:** Mrs. Linda Sims, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, brought the meeting to order and welcomed members.

**Planning:** The Commissioner of Education informed the districts that waivers would not be granted and all missed days would be made up by using two early release days for one and choosing a second day from the calendar. BISD will not be early releasing on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> or Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in order to make up one day. The campuses have been polled to decide on the second make-up day. The two choices were Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> or Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Though neither had an overwhelming majority of votes, April 16<sup>th</sup> did have the most votes. The final decision will be up to the Board of Trustees when they meet on Monday, March 28, 2011.

**Addendum: BISD received word from TEA on Tuesday, March 29th that the waiver for missed instructional days due to bad weather has been approved. Two weather days are built into the 2010-2011 calendar. They are Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. BISD will have school on those two days.**

**It will not be necessary to add any other days to the calendar to make-up the two additional weather days. Campuses will early release at 1:30 on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Breckenridge ISD has gone through a safety audit. Auditors from Edwards Risk Management spent three days in the district inspecting the campuses and testing the procedures at each campus. The team was very complimentary of the district. They found

a few minor issues that the district will work to correct. The final report is due to the district within the next few weeks.

All campuses are completing their comprehensive needs assessments to determine areas that could improve student performance, school environment, and district capabilities to meet the needs of students, teachers and parents. The needs assessment looks at all aspects of the campus and district. Findings will be used to support budgets insuring the funds are spent to address the identified needs. Once the campuses have completed their assessments, the district assessment will begin by utilizing information from each campus.

**Curriculum and Instruction:** BISD students in grades 3-10 will be taking the TAKS Test in core areas beginning on April 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> and continuing on April 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Specific core subjects are testes at various grade levels on those dates. Teachers and students are clearly focused on being prepared for the assessments. In the 2011-2012 school year the state assessment will change from TAKS to STARR. The new test will be more rigorous and accountability standards be higher than on any previous assessments. So many of the decisions concerning the guidelines and procedures for the test are yet to be determined; however, districts across the state are in initial training and have begun to plan strategies and write local policy in order to meet the new requirements. The goal is to assist teachers and students in an effort to provide them the best possible opportunity to be successful in the first year under the new assessment. The biggest change will be that the high school student will take End of Course Tests for math, English/Language Arts, History and Science courses that they have just completed. They will receive scores on each test and scores for each subject area will be accumulative for passing and for graduation purposes. There will be greater emphasis on college and career readiness performance standards in grades 3-8 and high school. Those standards will also be assessed. The TEA will make assessment results available to a wide variety of individuals through a new data portal, TAM, which is a mandate from the state. More information will be shared as it is received.

**Special State and Federal Program Information:** The district receives federal dollars through grants. At this time, many have awarded more funds. Each district is working on amendments to the original application if required to receive those funds or if there are changes in the way the money is being spent in the district. This often happens as new needs arise during the funding period. There are several areas that funds are required to be spent. One of those is parent involvement. Currently the district is conducting a parent survey to identify those areas of need. Every parent is encouraged to participate in the survey.

**Staffing Patterns:** The Superintendent, Jennings Teel, the Director of Instruction and the campus Principals are evaluating and projecting campus staffing needs for 2011-2012 school year. Because of the situation with school finance, the is more crucial than ever before.

**Staff Development:** Training this summer will be geared toward Response to Intervention, RTI, and also STARR Testing. We will be training teachers on how to utilize C-Scope to assist with the testing rigor that will be required on the STARR Test. Campuses must be able to provide early intervention to prevent students from falling and finding it necessary to be tested for special education. By providing an RTI plan with three levels of intervention, students have greater opportunities to succeed and graduate and able to continue their education in post secondary programs. Region 14 will help training. They will also offer a C-Scope Conference in June at the Region site. The state C-Scope conference will be in August and principals are encouraged to attend. The teachers may be in need of other training, such as technology. In order to identify the needs of the teachers, BISD is conducting a Staff Development survey. Summer workshops will be offered in the district based on the results of that survey.

**School Organization:** Student enrollment for March 1, 2011 was 1538, which is up 1 students from January 4, 2010, when enrollment was 1552.

**Adjournment:**