

**District Educational Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 30, 2006**

The DEIC met in a regularly scheduled meeting on October 30, 2006 in the Center High School Library. The following members were present:

Rayford Copelin	Linda Snell	Patricia Lawrence
Lesleigh Fitzgerald	Blanca Araiza	Beverly Martin
Tem Morrison	Gail Rodgers	Hannah Ramsey
Pete Low	Inez Hughes	Gwen Cravey
Kurt Radnitzer	Sandra Newton	Gladys Andrews
Janice Pope	Sue Carter	Billie Sue Payne
Gayla Miller	Ann Butler	Pam Franklin
Jennifer Griffin	Carey Agnew	Linda Terrell
Ann Grant	Kathy Cuff	Brenda Acuna
Christy Sullivan	Sharon Nelson	Sandra Latham
John Howard	Mickey Wulf	Randy Hagler
Heath Hagler	Wes Kirkham	Lynette White
Felicia Cloudy	Nancy Eastland	Angela Lawson
Betty Martin	Patricia Helms	Nancy Eastland
Kelly Rodgers	Margie Blount	Tina Jones

The meeting was called to order and minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. The committee's mission statement and district goals were reviewed.

Mr. Rodgers explained the evaluation results from the previous meeting dated 9/18/06. Suggestions based on those results were discussed.

Mr. Rodgers explained that Center ISD had a heightened awareness of school safety.

Pete Low gave the committee an explanation of measures taken by CISD personnel to ensure student safety.

Each campus has a crisis management team and they will be meeting to develop safety plans. Information has been disseminated to parents through the district's Centerline.

"Shelter in Place" drills have been conducted on each campus to teach students how to respond in an emergency situation.

Campus improvements are being made for student safety as well. Cameras have been installed on every campus. Local police, sheriff, and fire departments have been given maps to all CISD campuses. On 12/21/06, school personnel along with local authorities will run practice drills using artificial ammunition.

The special education department will be addressing special needs students. Students will be issued identification badges similar to those worn by district personnel. Parental contact and medical information will be printed on the back of the identification badge to alert medical or other personnel who may need to care for these students in the event that they are separated from their classroom teachers.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed facilities improvements as noted through the district improvement plan. Campus evaluations using community members are currently in place on a monthly basis.

Mapping of all utility and fire systems for all buildings in the district should be completed by the end of the current school year.

A community facilities committee is being developed as noted on the district plan. A population growth study will be completed. Interviews to secure an architect are presently being conducted.

Mrs. Wulf reported on the parent and community involvement goal. She noted that a parent meeting was held on 10/24/06 with good representation from school and community members. A second meeting is scheduled for 11/16/06. Handouts for conducting parent/teacher conferences were distributed. The handouts were well received and will be distributed to all campuses. At the meeting, Mr. Kirkham explained ways that parents can help improve the CHS accountability rating. School safety was also addressed.

Mr. Copelin explained the goal and objectives for the student achievement committee. The goal states that "The District will provide planning and resources to ensure that all students have the opportunity to acquire the necessary skills to be successful". Objectives indicate that the district will support campus initiatives to improve achievement in all core areas with emphasis in Reading and Math, support initiatives to improve performance of minority students, and coordinate initiatives to increase the number of students completing advanced college preparatory courses.

Margie Blount, Kurt Radnitzer, Beverly Martin, Heath Hagler and Wes Kirkham presented campus reports.

Mr. Kirkham explained that CHS applied for an exception to the ruling that the campus was academically unacceptable. The exception was denied so the current ruling stands. Requirements for an academically unacceptable rating were reviewed. A school improvement plan must be submitted to TEA by 11/17/06.

The school improvement team met on 10/23/06 and set goals for improvement and began the data gathering process. Visual charts were presented documenting student representation and areas of concern. Measures taken to improve student performance were discussed.

Mr. Kirkham noted that motivation appears to be a primary reason for lack of student success on the TAKS assessment. CHS personnel are planning motivational strategies. Grade level teams have also been developed to form and maintain relationships with students and their families.

FLM currently has an enrollment of 725 students with 119 attending the after school program.

FLM is part of the Texas Early Education Model pilot program. This model has been endorsed by Governor Rick Perry. Six teachers are currently involved in this program. The goal is to prepare economically disadvantaged students to be school ready. The program provides a research-based curriculum with staff development, program representative available two to three days weekly, and an assessment component. Six more teachers will be trained during the 07-08 school year.

FLM is also involved in 6+1 Traits providing ongoing staff development teaching teachers how to make writing fun. All first grade teachers are presently being trained. The team will come back next school year to train kindergarten teachers. This will empower FLM teachers to work together in teaching students to acquire written language skills. Ms. Blount also noted that 15 to 20% of kindergarten students are presently taking accelerated reader tests.

Mr. Radnitzer indicated that half of second and third grade students are attending the writing workshops as well. Teachers are excited about incorporating the workstations into their classrooms. CES is currently setting campus goals for the TAKS assessment to earn more commended performance recognitions. CES along with CIS and CMS all received the gold performance award. Mr. Copelin explained requirements for receiving this award to the committee.

Beverly Martin presented the CIS campus report in place of Mr. Anderson. She indicated that through their site based committee, the campus is setting goals to sustain the recognized rating they received. They have partnered with FLM for technology support. Enrollment is currently around 330 students.

Mr. Hagler presented the CMS report. Academic teaming was initiated to increase parent involvement. First six weeks incentives were a great success. Requirements are added each six weeks to raise the standard that students must achieve to receive the reward. Students are meeting this challenge with success. Incentive rewards are costly. During the week of homecoming 44 couples raised money to win middle school homecoming queen/king. CMS students raised a total of \$14,000. UIL is also getting started. Staff development opportunities have been scheduled for teachers to learn new ways to teach required concepts. Social Studies teachers will attend the Pre AP conference. Teachers are working hard and doing a great job.

Mr. Rodgers gave a summary of the information presented at the meeting. He also indicated a need to select members to serve on the calendar committee. This committee must be formed now due to the later school start date for the 07-08 school year. The calendar needs to be in place and ready for review by the next DEIC meeting scheduled for 1/29/07.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00.