



**District Improvement Team (DIT)  
Meeting  
May 7, 2009  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

In attendance: *Kathy Abshire, Jennifer Barrett, Allison Birney, Elena Bowes, Ellen Davis, Holly Durham, Linda Entrekin, Ruben Espinoza, Mike Falick, Alfonso Fernandez del Valle, Vivecca Hartman, Lacy Herndon, Cathey Jones, Kay Kennard, Dr. Duncan Klussmann, Jacques Kusters, Mary Grace Landrum, Scott LeMaire, Myra Lewis, Bonnie McSpadden, Nicole Rae Morgan, Patti Pace, Kristin Pavlik, Mary Peterson, Carol Petrich, Blake Seline, Janet Smith, Victoria Sobol, Carol Strickland, Katie Teeters, Carlton Sands, and guests, Dr. Eloise Hambright-Brown.* 55% of DIT members were in attendance.

Linda Entrekin welcomed everyone.

Dr. Duncan Klussmann reviewed the agenda.

This was a transition meeting, including members completing his/her term and new members. The Board of Trustees adopted BQA (Local) policy May 19, 2008. The revised policy added six high school students (one from each high school) as non-voting members to the DIT membership.

**Welcome New DIT Members**

Dr. Klussmann recognized the new DIT members in attendance.

<i>Kathy Abshire</i>	<i>Myra Lewis</i>
<i>Allison Birney</i>	<i>Nicole Rae Morgan</i>
<i>Ellen Davis</i>	<i>Kristin Pavlik</i>
<i>Holly Durham</i>	<i>Blake Seline (Memorial student)</i>
<i>Ruben Espinoza (Northbrook student)</i>	<i>Janet Smith</i>
<i>Alfonso Fernandez del Valle</i>	<i>Victoria Sobol (Spring Woods student)</i>
<i>Lacy Herndon (School of Choice student)</i>	<i>Katie Teeters (Stratford student)</i>
<i>Scott LeMaire</i>	

**Recognition of Outgoing DIT Members**

Dr. Klussmann recognized the members who have completed his/her term and thanked them for serving on the DIT.

<i>J. Carter Breed</i>	<i>Cathey Jones</i>	<i>Sharon Muncey</i>
<i>Virginia Elizondo</i>	<i>Kay Kennard</i>	<i>Jessica Nella</i>
<i>Linda Entrekin</i>	<i>Jacques Kusters</i>	<i>Carol Petrich</i>
<i>Sarah Estrada</i>	<i>Cathey Jones</i>	<i>Casey Rowe</i>
<i>Mary Foster</i>	<i>Bonnie McSpadden</i>	<i>Julie Turrentine</i>

**Task Force Reports**

Dr. Klussmann explained the involvement of DIT members on the various SBISD Task Forces. In the fall, a list of the Task Forces will be presented to the DIT and members will be asked to sign up to serve on one of the Task Forces.

Kay Kennard gave a report on the *Response to Intervention Task Force*. Next year a pilot program will be implemented in five schools for reading, math and behavior intervention. The program will provide intervention, depending on student needs.

Bonnie McSpadden reported on the *Student Success Plan Task Force*. The task force will recommend the most effective way to implement a student success plan for all students. The district will use the Eduphoria! an online tool for developing an education plan for each student. Training will start this summer.

Allison Birney gave a report on the *Highly Gifted Task Force* to study and recommend a program to address our highly gifted population.

### **Legislative Update**

Mike Falick gave an update on three big concerns with legislative bills.

- Finance – There is a bill pending which could possible give SBISD some additional funding of around \$3M per year.
- Accountability – There are two bills of concern.
- Pre-K – There are two bills of concern. HB130 passed the House on 5/7/09 and will move forward.

There are 24 days left in the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session as of 5/7/09. Dr. Klussmann has testified during committee meetings more than any other Superintendent in the state. Mike Falick, Susan Kellner, Theresa Kosmoski and Mary Grace Landrum have met with the Spring Branch delegation several times and also testified.

### **Stake Holders' Input for Federal Program Applications**

Dr. Eloise Hambright-Brown shared information about the Federal Programs. The basic regular federal programs and also a new source of funds from *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)*.

SBISD receives the following basic federal funds:

Title IA – Improving America's Schools for Disadvantaged Students

Title IIA – Professional Development and Recruitment

Title IID – Technology

Title III – Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students

Title IV – Safe and Drug Free Schools

Some suggestions for using the supplemental funding are dual language resources, after-school, programs and technology. Special Education buses are being considered for the use of the new funds available through IDEA (Special Education). Please send additional suggestions to Dr. Eloise Hambright-Brown [eloise.brown@springbranchisd.com](mailto:eloise.brown@springbranchisd.com) for use of funds.

### **Bond Update**

Westwood Elementary and Hollibrook Elementary are 25% complete. Ridgecrest Elementary is the next campus on the list for rebuilding. The wireless system has been completed. A presentation will be made to the Board in May to approve renovations at Tully Stadium and Don Coleman Coliseum.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in September. An email announcement will be sent to all 2009-2010 DIT members.