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West Independent School District Advisory Council (WISDAC)

Minutes of the March 6, 2009 Meeting

The West ISD Advisory Council met on March 3, 2009 at 3:45 P.M. in the West High School library. Members present are indicated on the attached sign in sheet.

Dr. Jan Hungate, assistant superintendent, opened the meeting with a welcome and a brief explanation of the purpose of meeting.

The first order of business was acceptance of the minutes of the previous WISDAC meeting held on February 3, 2009. Rob Fleming made the motion seconded by Sue Melton that the council approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All council members voted for the motion.

The next item on the agenda was a review and revision of the West ISD parent involvement policy. All members reviewed the current policy and were asked for additional thoughts on ways parents could become involved in their children's educational experiences in West ISD. Dr. Hungate mentioned that a thorough review of this policy was made last year by this committee with thoughtful revisions. Cindy Knappek made the motion, seconded by Rob Fleming to approve the district parent involvement policy as presented. All council members voted for the motion.

Mrs. Hungate then gave a brief overview of the input she had received from each campus concerning the three calendar options previewed by district staff. This year, the three options were also posted on the district website seeking input from parents and community. Dr. Hungate reported that 12 parents had emailed her with input and these suggestions were also reviewed. While there was some support for all three options, Calendar B received the highest rate of approval over all with an approximate 4 to 1 margin over other options.

Acting on a suggestion made at the last meeting, the first semester six weeks periods were altered slightly to better balance the days between them, so a revised Option 2 calendar was presented. Pros and cons of ending the semester prior to the Christmas break were discussed. A lengthy discussion then followed concerning the week scheduled for spring break. Understanding that some districts in our area schedule their break the second week of March and others on the third week (a list was read of the surrounding schools on both schedules), the consensus of the group was to leave spring break during the third week of March on the West ISD 2009-2010 calendar.

Cindy Knappek made the motion, seconded by Jerrod Barton to select the revised Option 2 as the calendar to recommend to the West ISD Board of Trustees. All council members voted for the motion.

Finally, the proposed West ISD Mission Statement was presented once again to the WISDAC. Dr. Crawford explained an additional component to the statement entitled "West ISD Commitments" which addressed human resources, teaching and learning, fiscal stewardship, community involvement, and safe facilities. He explained that the mission statement would be presented to the board for consideration at the May 11, 2009 meeting.

Sue Melton made the motion seconded by Stephanie Kucera that the WISD Mission Statement be recommended to the West Board of Trustees as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Jan Hungate, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent

Peggy Kissinger, CPA
Business Manager

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