

**Irving Independent School District
District Improvement Committee (DIC) Minutes
October 8, 2009**

The District Improvement Committee (DIC) was called to order by Sanko Prioleau II, Chair, at 6:30 p.m. The minutes from the September 15, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected after a motion from Taeler De Haes and a second by Calvin Durst. The correction was a change of a 2008 date to 2009 in the first paragraph.

After discussion about scheduled conflicts on January 14th and March 11th, Mr. Prioleau asked that substitute meeting dates be considered. A motion from Gloria Hernandez and a second by Elizabeth Rogers to change the January 14th date to January 21st was unanimously approved with a voice vote. A second motion to change the March 11th date to March 25th was made by Gloria Hernandez and seconded by Todd Ketchum. A unanimous voice vote approved the March 25th date.

Mr. Bill Althoff, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel/Administration, introduced Kenneth Austin and Cooper Hilton who gave an overview of the District Awards for Teacher Excellence (DATE) program. Mr. Austin explained that eligible personnel would include administration in the new plan. Secondly, he explained a few changes to the plan and asked the committee for acceptance of the changes. A motion was made by George Gillespie and a second by Mika Tepfer to approve the change in eligible personnel. Calvin Durst made a motion to make the changes to the plan with a second by Elizabeth Rogers. Both motions were approved.

Dr. Neil Dugger, Interim Superintendent, gave a detailed status of the district. He announced that this year's attendance of 33,798 students is the highest in Irving's history. He shared information on Irving demographics, programs available to students and finance information.

Dr. Whit Johnstone, Division Director of Planning/Evaluation/Research, gave a brief report of a much more comprehensive report entitled "Progress Toward Our Goals." Each DIC member received a full copy of the report.

Mr. Prioleau wants to continue discussion of a dual language program for English speakers and asked that an extra sub-committee be formed. He invited members to stay after the meeting to sign-up for this sub-committee.

Dr. Marie Morris, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning distributed the Sub-Committee Assignments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2009.

