

Districtwide Improvement Committee Minutes

August 17, 2000

Rita Polen welcomed all the committee members and introduced the new members to the committee. These were Christy White, representing the elementary, Hector Perez, representing the middle school, and Joe Pruett, representing the high school. The middle school still has one classroom teacher position to fill.

Pat Franklin presented the elementary CPO to the committee. The objective is **to improve all students' performance in problem solving with attention to low performing students**. The alignment to the District Instructional Goals was shared with the committee. The DWIC unanimously approved the CPO for the elementary.

Maggie Napper presented the CPOs for the middle school and high school. The objectives for the middle school are **to improve reading comprehension of students at Randolph Middle School and to improve the reading comprehension skills (and other skills as needed) of low performing students**. The objectives for the high school are **to improve reading comprehension of students at Randolph High School and to improve the reading comprehension skills (and other skills as needed) of low performing students**. Each campus explained how their CPOs were aligned with the District Instructional Goals. The DWIC unanimously approved the middle school and the high school CPOs.

The presentations by each Campus Improvement Committee will occur in the high school cafeteria at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, August 23, 2000. As a CIC presents, that committee will sit toward the front of the cafeteria. The DWIC will be seated informally around the room. Ron Bolin will bring a computer and the projector for those who need them for their presentations. Once the CICs have made their presentations, the DWIC will begin to write their feedback to each committee. A light dinner will be provided for the DWIC. Randolph Elementary will present first, then Randolph Middle School and finally Randolph High School.

Bruce Cannon brought a recommendation forward from the middle school and high school CICs concerning End-of-Course testing. It was their recommendation that this testing which occurs during the last two weeks of school replace the semester final exams in Algebra I, English II, U.S. History, and Biology I that are given the last three days of school. This move would lessen the number of exams that a student must take during this time period and thus allow more instructional time in these classrooms. Students could concentrate their preparation for one test instead of two. Each End-of-Course test will count as one-seventh of the student's grade instead of the one-fifteenth that each exam now counts. This weighting of the End-of-Course tests is aligned with the other semester exams that students take. The committee discussed the recommendation in detail. Various teachers and parents, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Kotowski, expressed their opinions that this would be a beneficial change for students. The DWIC unanimously recommended that this change in the End-of-Course

testing be taken forward to Dr. Maddox. Dr. Maddox may accept the recommendation as stated, or make adjustments to the recommendation and send it forward for board approval. She may also decide not to forward the recommendation to the board.

Maggie Napper shared information from the secondary campus on the difficulty that physical education and digital graphics were having as they attempted to develop action evidences for the reading comprehension CPO. The committee discussed whether it would be appropriate for them to develop CPOs that could be supported in these courses or should continue with the campus focus. There was also discussion about permitting fine arts to develop their own CPO. It was decided not to extend the change to include fine arts since they had already stated that they were supporting their campus CPO. A sample of the CPO that would be utilized by physical education and digital graphics will be shared with the committee at our next meeting. All DWIC members agreed with this process.

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, August 28, 2000
Randolph High School
Room 21
4:00 PM