Districtwide Improvement Committee Minutes

March 21, 2006

Rita Polen shared information on the Title II, Part D, federal funds that the district receives for technology each year. The district received $2,075 for 2005-2006 and $1,336 was rolled over from the prior year giving the district a total of $3411 to utilize from the grant. The money was allocated for the purchase of the AEIS-IT program to analyze test data, to provide a distance learning course in high school, and for teacher staff development. The committee discussed how the Title II, Part D, monies might be used for 2006-2007. Cherryl Pritts suggested that staff development be provided for helping teachers learn to use the software that supports their new textbook adoptions. Teachers also suggested that they have more time to explore WebCCat, an online testing program. Mary Blancarte, the elementary library paraprofessional, suggested that we provide initial training on the Randolph Field ISD technology system for new paraprofessionals.

Kaye Muennink and Kay Magness presented the basics of the ZENITH Program for gifted and talented students at RFISD. Kaye Muennink outlined the goals of the program, how students are screened and selected for ZENITH at various levels, and the current program data. Kay Magness share information on the secondary ZENITH program and outlined the data for her students as well. Ms Magness also discussed the mid-year survey that she conducted with her students on their preferences and attitudes about the program.

Art Cavazos reviewed the budget process with the committee. He outlined the schedule for approving the budget that will occur on May 11 and discussed the basic components of our budget.

There were no additional agenda items.

Next scheduled meeting: **Tuesday, April 25, 2006**
Randolph High School
Room 21
4:00 PM