

Summary of the 2002-2003 Evaluation of the Effectiveness Of the District Planning and Decision-Making Process

Responses to the "RFISD 2002-2003 District Planning & Decision-Making Survey" provided to the Districtwide Improvement Committee (DWIC) members online in May 2003 were tabulated, reviewed and summarized by three current DWIC members. These DWIC members were Rita Polen, Pat Franklin, and Diane Hogan.

Of the 22 DWIC members, 17 members completed the survey online for a 77% return rate. Responses represented the following classifications of members: 9 teachers, 1 business representative, 1 parent representative, 1 campus administration representative, 4 advisory representatives, and 1 district staff representative.

Findings from the Survey

- In section one everyone had a clear understanding of the makeup and the structure of the committee. Three respondents were unaware that we had additional committee representatives that serve in an advisory capacity. The advisory information will be clarified with the committee during the team building activities of DWIC.

In section II of the roles and responsibilities of DWIC, all respondents agreed that the DWIC had input in various areas. There was 100 % agreement on questions 14, 15, 17, 20 and 22. There was only 1 disagreement marked on questions 16, 18, 19 and 21 by two different respondents. These questions were on the input on the committee regarding the budget, the evaluation and modification of instruction of students served in special programs, the review of staffing patterns and the review of the organizational structure.

There was 100% agreement by respondents to section III on the effectiveness of our committee's impact on student performance. The committee is guided by goals and specific plans and demonstrates effective teamwork. Consensus is used as the means to make decisions.

Comments

- Committee members made several comments on the survey. These included:

- *As a DWIC member, I have really learned how the District plans and provides great leadership for the RFISD School District. It is clear that the organization truly reflects the quality of education that Randolph continues to provide for this community.*
- *Serving as a first year member on DWIC, I have found that this committee has given me more insight and a broader perspective of district issues as well as proven its vital role for overall student achievement.*
- *The survey is easy to work with.*

Summary

- After review of the survey responses, the three DWIC members compiling the data summarized the

findings as follows:

1. The DWIC is operating in an effective, efficient manner with the campuses operating in a like manner. As a result student performance for all populations has increased annually.
2. Successful student performance is the bottom-line measure of the DWIC's impact and RFISD's students are being successful.