

**Crandall Independent School District
District Wide Educational Improvement Committee
Minutes for the November 17, 2009 Meeting**

Members Present: Leslie Harrell, Abby Brock, Donette Jones, Cindy Boshart, Tabitha Gray, Megan Braddock, Deanna Harris, Venetia Doster, and Amy Barber

Members Absent: Jennifer Straub, Judy Parr, Colbey Smith, Amy Fox, Debi Anthony, Bo Perkins, Roger Wise, Steve McCown, and Tiffany Houser

Chairman Present: Abby Brock

Recorder Present: Jan Person

Administrators Present: Dr. Larry Watson, Sharon Long, Pamela Crites, John Chase, and Kristie Black

Meeting Called To Order: Abby Brock called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

Approval of the October 20, 2009 Minutes

A motion was made by Megan Braddock and seconded by Kristie Black to approve the October 20, 2009 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Calendar

The 2010-2011 district calendar was discussed. Dr. Long presented factors that must be considered in the development of the school calendar. The committee discussed possible options and directed Dr. Long to create two calendars that include two different options regarding when school is dismissed for the Christmas holidays and when school reconvenes after the holidays. Dr. Long stated that she would send the two calendar options to the DWEIC members who would be responsible for soliciting input from all employees on their campus. The calendar will be finalized later in the spring semester after the UIL athletic schedules have been determined.

Review of the November 16, 2009 Board Agenda

Dr. Larry Watson reviewed the November 16, 2009 Board Meeting.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- Regular Report of the Superintendent
 - Curriculum Report – Teen Leadership Classes, presented by high school students
 - Gold Performance Acknowledgements – Pamela Crites
 - Highly Qualified status for 2009-2010 school year

- Consent Items
 - Approved minutes of previous meetings
 - Approved Budget Amendment #3
 - Approved Annual Investment Report
 - Approved resolution regarding review of the investment program

- Approved additional aide positions for special programs
- Approved annual incentive pay
- Approved goals and objectives included in 2009-2010 District and Campus Improvement Plans
- Approved pay for certified teachers working as a substitute in shortage areas of 9-12 math, 9-12 science, and 9-12 foreign language
- Approved Textbook Selection Committee
- Action Items
 - Approved Board Policy DMC (Local) regarding continuing professional education
 - Approved elementary assistant principal position
 - Approved Real Estate Sales Contract and adopted the proposed Resolution regarding the purchase of real estate and improvements located at 208 S. First Street, Crandall, Kaufman County, Texas
- Discussion Items
 - Discussed board members to serve on Library Board – Jim Gray & Omega Hawkins
 - Discussed cost associated with adding a soccer program

Social Contract

The Committee discussed, created and signed a Social Contract.

Capturing Kids Hearts Update

Pamela Crites presented data in regard to failures. She stated a Flippen group employee and she would be visiting campuses.

Campus Celebrations and Concerns

High School

Recent Activities

- Alice in Wonderland performances

Upcoming Events

- National Art Honor Society volunteers at DMA – 11/21
- Student Council Parents Day out – 12/5

Middle School:

Recent Activities

- Children Helping Children week
- 6th grade field trip to Green Meadows – 11/4
- 7th/8th grade incentive movie days – 11/4 & 11/6
- Parent/Teacher SSI meetings – 11/10
- Food Drive – 11/9-11/18
- Environmental Club field trip – 11/12
- Basketball started

Upcoming Events

- TAKS busses start 11/17

- Basketball vs. Ferris 11/16, Kaufman 11/23 & Venus 11/30
- Girls basketball tournament – 11/21
- Early release for Thanksgiving holidays – 11/24
- UIL writing – 12/1
- UIL 6th grade (Alvarado) & 7th/8th grad (Crandall) – 12/5

Wilson Elementary School:

Recent Activities

- Fall Festival
- Food Drive – Turkey Bucks
- UIL – City Meet
- Picture retakes
- Children Helping Children
- 5th Grade Service Learning
- Parent Conferences
- Book Fair
- New teachers
- Big Kahuna party for birthdays
- Halloween Kinder parties
- Recycling
- Charting of food drive
- Buddy reading with Kindergarten

Upcoming Events

- Pirate parties
- Stone Soup – 2nd grade
- Christmas parties
- Blanket drives – 5th grade
- Mentorship for GT with other students
- TAKS Benchmarks – 3rd – 5th grade
- UIL District Meets, Writing – 12/1
- National Honor Society events – 12/5
- National Honor Society Induction – 12/17

Walker Elementary School:

Recent Activities

- Veteran's day celebration
- Kindergarten scarecrow parade
- Watch D.O.G.S
- UIL – 11/17
- Book Fair
- Red Ribbon Week
- Fall Festival
- Urban Forester – 5th grade
- Food Drive/Turkey bucks
- CHC Bake Sale
- Ms. Hoffman returns

- Parent Conferences
- CHC alt. dress day

Upcoming Events

- Rockstar Party
- Thanksgiving break
- Thanksgiving luncheon/teacher ornament exchange
- Christmas parties
- TAKS Benchmarks

Martin Elementary School

Recent Activities

- Field trip – 1st grade & Headstart
- Parent conferences
- UIL City Meet
- Fall Festival
- Box Tops - 900
- Gingerbread houses
- Kindergarten – farm day

Upcoming Events

- Thanksgiving feast – Pre-K
- UIL – 12/5
- Christmas parties

Parent Representatives: No comments were shared.

Community/Business Representatives: No comments were shared.

Next DWEIC Meeting: January 19, 2010

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Abby Brock.