

**Canadian Independent School District  
District Site Based Committee Meeting  
May 9, 2011  
6:30**

With a quorum present Kyle Lynch, Superintendent of Schools, called the CISD District Site Based Committee meeting to order with the following members in attendance: Kyle Lynch, Kristol Slavin, Kay Hamby, Jessica Biggs, Wade Hood, Linda Rader, Kevin Richardson, Dana Kauk, Kolt Kittley, Angela Black, April Cook

, Bruce Bryant, April Cook, Landon Landry, Hillary Beedy, Stephanie Campbell and Pam Spencer.

Bruce Bryant was introduced as the new principal for Canadian Middle School.

Minutes of the March 8, 2011 were distributed. Mr. Hood made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented; Mr. Bryant provided a second and the motion passed.

Mr. Lynch briefly discussed the Preliminary Reading and Math TAKS Scores which have been released for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The group reviewed the history of Texas testing system and discussed the changes for the STARR test which will be implemented in the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Lynch reported that changes had been made to the Sick Leave Bank and will be presented at the next board meeting. The Sick Leave Bank has become a little more flexible in meeting staff needs. Unused local days will be rolled into the Sick Leave Bank at the end of each school year. An official 2011-2012 District Calendar was provided to the committee. District calendar changes had been approved by the school board for the coming year. Mr. Lynch reported that he had received suggestions that Spring Break might be moved to an earlier date.

As planning for the coming year gets underway, Parent Surveys have been sent home with each student in the district. Parents can complete the survey online or on paper.

Mr. Lynch provided the group with a legislative update, stating "this is the scariest time in the 25 years I've been in education." Mr. Lynch felt like we will see drastic cuts. At this time the legislature has not passed a budget and it is possible a special session will be called. He told the committee that we need to watch our spending over the next year. Canadian has a healthy fund balance to help us in the first year. Members were encouraged to talk to their Senators

and Representatives. Mr. Lynch also presented information on HB 400 which dealt with class sizes, salary schedules, furloughs, and the process for reduction in force. The committee discussed the RIFT process.

Mr. Lynch discussed Canadian's unique situation. Anything that has a life of more than 1 year can be paid for out of capital outlay, 699 funds. The district has reviewed what expenditures can be paid out of these funds. Salaries must come from 199 funds; the CISD salaries make up 80% of the budget. The district is looking for projects like the county library to help us save money, possible projects include: purchasing the county barn, teacher housing or other capital outlay projects. Mr. Lynch urged the committee to look at the 199 budgets, ask what can we do without or sacrifice in order to reduce those costs.

A report was given on the Canadian Education Foundation. Betsy Alexander, Courtney Trolinger and Kyle Lynch serve on the steering committee for the foundation. This group is in the process of recruiting board members. The foundation can meet multiple needs for students and classrooms in the district. The foundation will work to help coordinator scholarships and possibly creating a new scholarship program for the district.

Under action items, the committee worked on the TEA required Comprehensive Needs Assessment Summary. The Committee discussed the importance of parent involvement in the schools. Mr. Lynch shared a brief update on new course offerings at the high school which include a vocational program being planned with Amarillo College. Environmental Safety will be the first course. Mr. Hood asked for information about the courses being offered. Mr. Lynch added that Frank Phillips will possibly offer some courses to our students including cosmetology. The district has implemented a Rosetta Stone language acquisition class. Mrs. Campbell asked what feedback the district has received regarding Rosetta Stone. Mr. Lynch expressed the opinion that the pilot had gone well. Ms. Kauk moved that we accept the Needs Assessment Summary, Coach Bryant seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch announced the creation of a College Readiness position which has been granted to the district by the Pickens Abraham Foundation. This position will help students preparing for transition to college or other types of training following high school graduation. This individual will assist students in filling out forms, learning about colleges, and preparing for life after high school. The new personnel will serve both Canadian High School and Miami High School.

Mr. Lynch adjourned the meeting.