

Medina Valley ISD
District Wide Advisory Committee
Minutes
December 2, 2009

1. **Quorum** - Meeting began at 4:15 pm. A quorum was established
2. **Grade Reporting Policy** - Mr. Nesbit explained to the members that due to changes in the state law, minimum grades can not be required. He told of other districts that are suing the state because of the new law. Medina Valley has chosen to be prepared to comply with the change and not wait for the court decision. He passed out copies of the Medina Valley ISD District Grading Policy and a copy of a page taken from an elementary campus's handbook. He asked us to look at the wording in both documents to make a recommendation to the superintendent and school board to bring Medina Valley into compliance. Members were to come up with a policy that encourages reteaching and retesting. Much discussion followed. Members asked how many times must a teacher reteach for mastery and what denotes mastery. Current wording states that "The teacher shall determine mastery through formal and informal testing, observations, projects, and other assigned work". Members agreed that was sufficient. It was determined to strike the last sentence on the second paragraph of the current district policy and the phrase before the sentence "until the student demonstrates mastery. This correction would bring the district into compliance. The amended grading policy will be distributed after superintendent and board review.
3. **Reteaching/Retesting** - There was further discussion on the policy that is in campus handbooks that states puts limits of the grade of 70 on reteaching. There was discussion on the retesting of benchmarks. It was agreed that after a benchmark, data guides the reteaching so that the next benchmark is the retest.
4. **DATE** – This program is an incentive program offered by the governor and the state to inspire excellence in teaching and teachers. Representatives from each campus went to a presentation about the requirements of the program. Members that attended reported that of the money we would get, only 50 teachers would get \$1800. Many prerequisites must be determined before the money would be given the following year. Attendees stated that it seemed that it would bring about an atmosphere of non-collegiality and dissent among the teachers. Teachers would be more competitive and not share ideas. The group agreed not to pursue the program.
5. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be January 6, 2010, at the high school media center. In this meeting, members will begin to look in-depth at the district plan one goal at a time. Members will be reviewing and refreshing the plan each meeting so that it truly reflects the district.
6. **Adjourn** - Meeting was adjourned around 5:15 pm.