



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)

2013-2014

DEIC Unofficial Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2013

5:30 PM Boardroom

Facilitators: Bertha Pena, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Bea Garcia, Curriculum and Instruction Administrator
Dr. Dora Saucedo, Curriculum and Instruction Administrator
Sylvia Senteno, Curriculum and Instruction Administrator
Dina A. Chavez, ECEP i3 Grant Specialist

- I. Roll call was taken by electronic sign-in.
The following members were not in attendance:

Roxanne Reyna	Keller Elementary
Johanna Esparza	Putegnat Elementary
Claudia Rojas	Faulk Middle School
Elsa Crixell	BLA

- II. Mr. Hugh Emerson called the meeting to order.
- III. Bertha Pena, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, opened with announcement regarding Make-Up Day (September 16). Two representatives from each-- elementary, middle, and high schools-- volunteered to make up a committee to create options for making up that day. They were as follows:

Rebecca Gutierrez – Castaneda Elementary
Ms. Pat Suarez - Ben Brite Elementary
Della Benavidez – Besteiro Middle School
Cecilia Montalvo – Perkins Middle School
Kathleen Posio - Lopez High School
Patricia Perez - Pace High School

This committee will meet Wednesday, October 24 at 4:30.

- IV. In Superintendent Dr. Carl Montoya's absence, Bertha Pena reported that Dr. Montoya is concerned whether teachers have sufficient classroom supplies to fulfill their educational duties; therefore, he will be conducting an on-line survey in which DEIC representatives will respond. DEIC members should respond based on their campus' needs.

Another concern from Dr. Montoya: academic and student success: Ms. Pena stressed that the second and third six weeks are most important in teaching skills, then tweaking those skills during second semester. *Progress monitoring tests* will be conducted during the 13th week of school, for testing areas, over skills taught during first and second six weeks.



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- Elementary and middle schools will be using Tango (computer program) which will afford teachers and students immediate feedback, including diagnostics, and worksheets generated to address areas of weakness. (Required/mandated testing)
- High schools will test either through Curriculum and Instruction created assessments or on Compass Learning. (Optional testing)

During the second week of January, progress monitoring tests will again be administered, this time *mandatory for all levels*. They will assess first through fourth six weeks comprehensively. More information will be forthcoming; however, departments should be aware of the importance of teaching according to their frameworks as tests are aligned with them.

V. Presentations

Bea Garcia introduced the presentations to be shared with campuses.

- Ms. Maria V. Gonzales, TLI Administrator informed on status of TLI Plans and Goals, noting a few changes with the approved Professional Development pull-out dates. She also announced the district currently has 3-year olds being served by in-school Head Start at two elementary campuses: Burns and Aiken.
- Mr. Ben Avalos and Mr. Roman Gomez, Math and Science Specialists, delivered an overview of the STEM program currently in place in BISD 6th and 7th grades. Their report included budget and finance, data on students served, teacher training, and materials.
- Ms. Martha Medina, RTI Administrator, reviewed the process of RTI, noting the importance of campuses having in place their RTI designated campus core team members.

VI. Announcement

- President Emerson announced the next DEIC meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom

VII. Adjournment

- With no further business, a motion was made by Mark Munoz (Victoria Heights Elementary) to adjourn; seconded by Rebecca Gutierrez (Castaneda Elementary), all in favor. President Emerson announced the meeting was adjourned.



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