



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
2013-2014

DEIC Unofficial Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2013
5:30 PM Boardroom

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

I. Welcome

II. Roll Call:

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

Rojas, Claudia	Faulk Middle School

III. A motion was made to approve minutes from October 13, 2013 DEIC meeting by Patricia Perez, Pace HS, seconded by Mark Munoz, Victoria Heights Elementary; motion passed.

IV. Presentations:

- Ms. Rosalva Larrasquitu, Administrator for Parental Involvement and Ms. Alma L. Gonzalez, Family Engagement Specialist for 21st CCLC, presented update on proposed addition to District Improvement Plan under Parent and Committee section. This addition is in regards to offering parent educational opportunities. Approval to make this addition was required; therefore, a motion to add Action Step Section 11.16 was made by Roxanne Reyna, Keller Elementary; seconded by Brad Elder from Martin Elementary; motion passed.
- Robert Gonzalez, Administrator for Technology Services, presented an overview of District Initiative for Student Technology Outreach program (DISTO) which



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included a handout on guidelines and procedures, equipment, and eligibility for students (grades 6-12) during the 2013-2014 school year. Those qualifying for computers--both desktops and laptops which have outlived their practical use in the classroom—must apply with certain eligibility criteria. Applications will become available after the Christmas break.

- Ms. Bea Garcia addressed members about the timeline (page 12) regarding the District Improvement Plan Monitoring Instrument, used to monitor the DIP. DEIC members are encouraged to ensure Campus Action Improvement Plans are being monitored and reviewed during the school year on campuses. The District Campus Improvement Plan is monitored at end of first semester; then again, end of second semester. C & I will send out the instrument to a group of administrators who will be receiving after Thanksgiving, then they (administrators) are to return it to department electronically to advise of their standings.

V. Action Items:

- After an overview of TLI Routines and Strategies/Dyslexia Department presented by Ms. Julie Salinas, Dyslexia Administrator, a request was made and granted for a teacher pull-out day for training on this topic for December 5, 2013. A motion to approve request was made by Laura Borjas, Garza Elementary, and seconded by Roxanne Reyna, Keller Elementary; motion passed.
- Mrs. Maria Gonzales, TLI Project Administrator, presented an update on the TLI Grant components currently in place in the district including a brochure which includes goals and Grant information; also, update on website link through www.bisd.us. Ms. Gonzales also presented data on BOY report showing results compared with last year's report, noting that the weaknesses lie in the areas of comprehension and fluency. To address this issue and get younger children "school-ready," her department is asking for help from members in spreading community awareness. A Day in a First Grade Classroom is a very focused training which will take place on Saturday, December 14, 2013, and again on Saturday, January 11, 2014. First Grade and Special Education ELA teachers are encouraged to attend one of the two days offered.

VI. Updates:

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Ms. Bertha Pena reported on the teacher survey sent out to DEIC members in which there was 100% response. The results were as follows in order of need:

1. Ink cartridges
2. Technology support/laptops for teacher needs
3. Paper

She reported that hopefully some funds from the AYP waiver will allow the campus budgets to be augmented.

Ms. Pena further announced there will be another progress monitoring instrument coming in January, and reminded everyone the goal is to show growth in Index 2 (student growth), even though the standards stayed the same.

VII. Announcements:

- Ms. Maria V. Gonzales announced there will be a Circle of Training Follow-Up in January in order to reach many who did not attend and will also include new staff.
- Mr. Emerson announced the next meeting for DEIC will occur on Monday, December 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the BISD Board Room.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion made by Eliseo Garza, Palm Grove Elementary, to adjourn; seconded by Rebecca Moreno, Morningside Elementary; motion passed; meeting adjourned.