



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)

2014-2015

DEIC Unofficial Meeting Minutes

Monday September 15, 2014

5:30 PM Boardroom

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Facilitators: #Bea Garcia, Administrator for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction
Sylvia Senteno, Interim Administrator for Secondary Curriculum and Instruction
Berta Peña, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Carlos Olvera, Curriculum Data Specialist

- I. **Welcome** – Dr. Carl A. Montoya, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Montoya welcomes everyone to a new school year, states accomplishments and upcoming BISD goals. Some of the presentation points are the following:

SpaceX is an immense event coming to Brownsville that will benefit BISD.

The SpaceX program will use some of BISD facilities and offer programs with our students, such as, aerospace engineering.

Last Spring BISD was the only district in Texas that received notice of five early college high schools. Students will now be able to get college hours and some will have an associate degree by the time they graduate from high school.

BISD is one of three districts that was given the Alliance Merck Ciencia scholarships to high school students. Only twenty districts across the United States were awarded. Last year over 35 million in scholarships were given.

The National Chess Federation named Brownsville the “Chess City in the US”.

There are some goals for this current school year that will be addressed. Believe in BISD has been very successful to encourage attendance. Another goal is to continue the focus on state accountability. There will be a special services parent program implementation. This will help communication with the parents. Customer service is imperative in all areas of BISD in order to keep parents registering children in our schools.

II. **Roll Call:**

The following members were not in attendance:
Elsa Crixell, Brownsville Alternative Center
Sara N. Hernandez, Burns Elementary
Rebecca Gutierrez, Castaneda Elementary
Laura Villarreal, Garcia Middle School
Laura Estrada, Garza Elementary
San Juanita Infante, Russell Elementary
Alma Gomez, Southmost Elementary
Jaime Trevino, Stell Middle School

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III. **Action Item: Recommend approval of minutes from May 19, 2014 DEIC Meeting**

Motion to approve by Gabriel Rodriguez, Palm Grove Elementary; seconded by Cynthia Castro, Egly Elementary; all in favor; motion passed.

IV. **Action Item: Election of DEIC Officers for the 2014-2015 school year**

- President: Mr. Hugh Emerson nomination by Steven Kans, Stillman Middle School; seconded by Cynthia Castro, Egly Elementary. Motion to close nominations by Patricia Perez, Pace High School; seconded by Eleazar Castro, BAC; all in favor; motion passed.
- Vice President: Gabriel Rodriguez, Palm Grove Elementary, self-nomination: seconded by Eleazar Castor, BAC. Motion to close nominations by Maricelda Perez, Villanueva Elementary; seconded by Georgina Wilson, Lincoln Park; all in favor; motion passed.
- Parliamentarian: Mr. Emiliano Camarillo, Lucio Middle School, self-nomination; seconded by Eleazar Contreras, Aiken Elementary. Motion to close nominations by Norma Gonzalez, Cromack Elementary; seconded by Blanca Rodriguez, Gonzalez Elementary; all in favor; motion passed.
- Secretary: Eidee Salinas, Del Castillo nominated by Georgina Wilson, Lincoln Park, second by Eidee Salinas, Del Castillo Elementary. Motion to close nomination by Patricia Perez, Pace High School; seconded by Eleazar Castro, BAC; all in favor; motion passed.

V. **Presentations:**

- Robert's Rules of Order – Miguel Salinas, Staff Attorney
Mr. Salinas presented the Roberts Roles of Order to the DEIC.
- DEIC Member Roles and Responsibilities – Bea Garcia, Administrator for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction
Policy BQA (Local) and 2014-2015 DEIC meeting due dates and meeting dates presented to the committee. The DEIC minutes will be posted on BISD website and all communication will be through email.
- District Improvement Plan / Plan4Learning Software – Bea Garcia, Administrator for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction
Plan4 Learning software will be used to update the 2014-2015 board approved district improvement plan and the campus action improvement plans.
- TEA Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) and Year after On-site updates / House Bill 5 Community and Student Engagement updates - Dr. Roni Rentfro, District Coordinator for School Improvement (DCSI) / District Shepherd (TTIPS)
Dr. Rentfro states that BISD participated in an audit from TEA on January 2013. As of July BISD is in compliance with TEA. Porter High School was "improvement required" last year and has now "met standard". Porter is now a formally improved required (FIR) campus. Cummings Middle School is now "improvement required" campus because it missed Index 1. BISD has nine campuses on federal accountability. Community and student engagement is posted on BISD website and each campus rates itself. On October 8th the state will post the state community and student engagement rates.

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VI. Action Item: Request for DEIC Approval for Teacher Pull Out Days

- Request for Teacher Pull Out Days – English Language Arts Writing Training
Presenter: Bea Garcia, Administrator for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction
Motion to approve Mrs. Georgina Wilson, Lincoln Park; seconded by Imelda Vega, Pullam Elementary; all in favor; motion passed.
- Request for Teacher Pull Out Days – Dyslexia Teachers
Presenter: Julie Salinas, Dyslexia/504 Administrator
Motion to approve Mrs. Sonia Garcia, Benavidez Elementary; seconded by Eleazar Castro, BAC; all in favor; motion passed.
- Request for Teacher Pull Out Days – Curriculum and Instruction Health
Presenter: Fred Tamez, PE/ Health Specialist
Motion to approve Marco Gonzalez, Cummings Middle School; seconded by Georgina Wilson, Lincoln Park; all in favor; motion passed

VII. Updates

Mrs. Berta A. Pena, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, addressed the DEIC to present Curriculum and Instruction updates.

VIII. Announcements

- Next DEIC meeting – October 20, 2014

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Victor Flores, Vela Middle School; seconded by Maricelda Perez, Villanueva Elementary; all in favor; meeting adjourned