



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)

2014-2015

DEIC Unofficial Meeting Minutes

Monday October 20, 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 welcomed the DEIC and spoke on the following topics:

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association has agreed to pay nearly \$10 million to settle an unpaid claims lawsuit filed by the school district.

BISD lost about 1,100 students to charter schools. This will be a loss of seven to eight million in the budget. Dr. Montoya is asking teachers and principals to try to recover these students and bring them back to the district. It is imperative in all areas of BISD that parents continue to register their children in our schools.

SpaceX is an 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.

II. Roll Call:

The following members were not in attendance:

Alma Trott, Champion Elementary
Louis Leal, Keller Elementary
Hector Salinas, Perez Elementary
Elsa Valerio, Vermillion Elementary
Laura Villarreal, Garcia Middle School
Jaime Trevino, Stell Middle School
Victor Flores-Lopez, Vela Middle School
Maria McKenzie, Hanna High School
Jennifer Espinoza, Lopez High School

III. Action Item: Recommend approval of minutes from Monday September 15, 2014 DEIC Meeting

Motion to approve by Elsa Crixell, BLA; seconded by Cynthia Castro, Egly Elementary; all in favor; motion passed.

IV. Presentations:

- Attendance/Enrollment- Mr. Joe Pedraza and Mr. Randy Park
Mr. Pedraza stated that the Believe in BISD is focusing on attendance and has been very successful. There was a 0.6% increase last school year which is 2 million dollars that will

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go the budget. The main focus in Believe in BISD is to have students in attendance. During the first six weeks there were 55 out of 56 campuses that reached the goal of attendance. October 31, 2014 is the district's PEIMS snapshot. There will be a competition for all the schools to get the highest rate of students in attendance.

- Mr. Park presented the rates of attendance. All the campuses are working very hard and are being successful in attendance.
- District Improvement Plan (DIP): Fine Arts – Berta A. Pena
The DIP was approved by the BISD Board of Trustees. There is an increase of Fine Arts and would like to add co-curricular and extra-curricular activities to Goal #2. Mrs. Pena asked for volunteers to be on this committee to review this goal. The following DEIC members volunteered to be on this committee: Emiliano Camarillo from Lucio Middle School, Ms. Pattie Perez from Pace High School, and Ms. Elsa Crixell from BLA.

V. Action Items: Request for DEIC Approval for Teacher Pull Out Days

- Request for Middle School Math and Science Teacher Pull-out
Topic: Middle School STEM Project Based Learning (PBL)
Presenter: Dr. Roni Rentfro
Survey was done at all middle school campuses regarding STEM. There are some teachers that do not have the original training from Region One. This training will be offered to a cohort of teachers.
Motion to approve Ms. Patricia Perez, Pace High School; seconded by Eleazar Castro, BAC; all in favor; motion passed.

VI. Updates

Mrs. Berta A. Pena, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, addressed DEIC regarding the November 13th and February district benchmark test.

VII. Announcements

- Next DEIC meeting – Monday November 17, 2014

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Eleazar Cortez, Aiken Elementary; seconded by Marco Gonzalez, Cummings Middle School; all in favor; meeting adjourned.