



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)

2016-2017

Unofficial Meeting Minutes

Dr. Esperanza Zendejas
Superintendent of Schools

Monday, May 15, 2017

5:30 PM

BISD Boardroom

PDS # 61986

**Facilitators: Bertha Peña, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Roni Louise Rentfro, Ed. D., District Coordinator of School Improvement**

I. Welcome and Q&A by Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Esperanza Zendejas and Ms. Bertha Peña were both at the National Center for Urban School Transformation recognitions in Nashville, TN awaiting the results for three BISD campuses.

Allicia Saldana, Curriculum Alignment Specialist, provided the welcome, thanked the members for their dedication and accomplishments and mentioned a few updates:

- Summer School will be June 8 to Jun 30th. Summer School trainings for teachers will be March 20, 2017 and the work day will be June 7, 2017.
- STAAR/EOC retesting will be the third week of June—no testing in July.
- Three BISD schools are in the running for gold awards at the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST): Veterans ECHS, Stillman MS, and Paredes Elementary School and the awards will be announced on May 16th
- She again thanked all of the teachers and staff for their continued commitment to the district and their dedication to excellence.

II. Meeting Called to Order

Clement Markley, DEIC President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

III. Roll Call:

The following DEIC members were not in attendance:

LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
<i>Aiken Elem</i>	Marina	Howard
<i>Brite Elem</i>	Citali	Gonzalez
<i>El Jardin Elem</i>	Norma	Hurtado
<i>Longoria Elementary</i>	Margarita	Gonzalez
<i>Oliveira MS</i>	Demina	Nichols
<i>Perkins MS</i>	Victor	Ramirez
<i>Sharp Elem</i>	Rebecca	Wood
<i>Southmost Elem</i>	Aracelia	Vera
<i>Victoria Hts Elem</i>	Christina	Cavazos-Leos



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IV. Recommend approval of minutes

Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS made the motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2017 and Myra Cortez from Paredes Elementary seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Presentations

1. An overview of the District Improvement Plan goals, performance objectives and strategies were presented to the DEIC membership by departmental representatives with recommendations for additions/ deletions and revisions to the plan for 2017-2018. Goal Subcommittee members were also recognized for each of the areas by goal facilitators. Goal facilitators highlighted district-wide initiatives, important or required strategies to include in campus plans, and answered questions from DEIC members. Dr. Rentfro reminded the representatives that they play an important role in bringing this information to the campus SBDM even if they are not an elected member of that committee.
2. Dr. Rentfro explained the “drawing of lots” by the elected members who are finishing the second year of their term. The drawing determines if a campus will be electing a teacher or a campus non-teaching professional (principal, dean, nurse, librarian, etc.) after September 1, 2017 to represent the campus on the 2017-2018 DEIC.
3. Dr. Rentfro asked for volunteers to sign up with the secretary on the sign-in sheet to indicate they would be able to come to the board meeting when the DIP is presented for board approval.

VI. Action Items

1. The motion to recommend presenting the BISD District Improvement Plan for 2017-2018 with any needed updates or corrections to the Board of Trustees at the June rescheduled Board Meeting was made by Angelica Barrera from Pena Elementary and seconded by Rosalinda Garcia from Lincoln Park School. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. The motion to recommend to approve the following three categories to be used to rate BISD under HB 2804 with any required revisions by June 9, 2017 for the August 2018 accountability: Fine Arts, Wellness/Physical Education, and Dropout Prevention Strategies as recommended by the District Community and Student Engagement (CaSE) Committee was made by Ella Rios from Keller Elementary and seconded by Carmen Garcia from Canales Elementary. Approval was unanimous.
3. Pull-out requests for professional development in September, 2017:
 - a) The Fine Arts a pull-out day request was presented by Dr. Rentfro, District Coordinator of School Improvement, for Dr. Rebecca Rendon, Administrator for Fine Arts, who was at a ballroom competition meeting. The motion to approve a pull-out day in September for 13 Dance teachers was made by Carlos Chavez, BAC and seconded by Blanca Rodriguez from Gonzalez Elementary. Approval was unanimous
 - b) The Special Education department pull-out request for restraint training with pending dates was made by Dolores Emerson, Assistant Administrator for Special Programs. These dates are for emergency restraint training for professionals that must be



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- completed within 30 days by law after an incident. The motion was made by Natalie Herfindahl from Yturria Elementary and seconded by Alma Salazar from Resaca Elementary. Approval was unanimous.
- c) The request for a pull-out session date in September for new PK-3 teachers was made by Maria Velarde, Early Childhood Curriculum Specialist. The pull-out is for any new PK-3 teachers (expected to be 19 teachers). Blanca Rodriguez from Gonzalez Elementary made the motion to approve and the motion was second by Kathy Posio from Lopez ECHS. Approval was unanimous.
- d) The request for pull-out days for Dyslexia teachers (corrected on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting) was presented by Julie Salinas, Administrator for Dyslexia/504. Sylvia McDonough from Burns Elementary made the motion to approve and Alma Salazar from Resaca Elementary seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

VII. Announcements

- Mr. Markley, President, thanked everyone for their commitment and reminded them they can already register for the September DEIC Meeting – Monday, May 15, 2017, Professional Development System workshop #61986, at the BISD Boardroom.
- Door prizes, small gifts, and cupcakes were provided as thank you gifts and recognitions for DEIC representatives by Dr. Rentfro and program staff.
- Mr. Markley asked the two year term individuals to stand and be recognized. He also thanked all of the program area staff and Dr. Rentfro for facilitating and assisting with the meetings.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Clement Markley, DEIC President, called for a motion to adjourn the final DEIC meeting of 2016-2017. Ella Rios from Keller Elementary made the motion and Dora Paz from Lucio Middle School seconded the motion to adjourn at approximately 6:40 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.