



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
 2017-2018

Unofficial Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2017

Dr. Esperanza Zendejas
 Superintendent of Schools

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

At the September 18, 2017 DEIC Meeting held at CAB Cafeteria, Dr. Esperanza Zendejas presented the following information:

- The BISD District of Innovation planning committee has been working on a plan to move the BISD students' school start date to one week earlier than the usual date (August 20, 2017). She told the group that the only innovation currently being proposed was the earlier start date. She requested a Special Called DEIC meeting for October 4, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the BISD Boardroom to present the plan and draft calendar.
- The BISD Centennial Foundation gave out scholarships to students and awarded grants to several teachers for the first time this past Spring. As a fund raiser for the foundation, there will be a Dia de los Muertos event on October 27, 2017 at the TSC Fine Arts Center. "Cuando Los Muertos Lloran" is a one-woman show that was written, produced and will be presented by Dr. Zendejas with a special performance by Pablo Montero. Tickets will go on sale soon for \$20.00 per person for performances at 5:00 PM or 8:00 PM.

Ms. Bertha Peña encouraged all of the members to make arrangements to participate in the BISD Third Annual Literacy Conference to be held on September 30, 2017 at Lopez Early College High School. Registration will be at 7:45 AM with sessions starting at 8:30 AM. Presenters include Dr. Kay Wijekumar, Dr. Carol McDonald-Connor and others from Texas A&M University. Teachers are eligible to get 6 hours of G/T on-going, Bilingual or ESL on-going hours. Register for Professional Development System Workshop # 70232.

II. Meeting Called to Order

Tony Meza, DEIC Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. President, Clement Markley was unable to attend this meeting but will be returning as President.

III. Roll Call:

The following DEIC members were not in attendance and their campus did not have another individual attend to get the information for the campus:

LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
<i>Brite Elem.</i>	Citali	Gonzalez
<i>Hanna ECHS</i>	Elizabeth	Rocha
<i>Lucio MS</i>	Carey-Jo	Alfaro-Sweatt
<i>Manzano MS</i>	Gertrudes	Martinez
<i>Ortiz Elem.</i>	Francisco	Valdez
<i>Paredes Elem.</i>	Myra	Ramirez-Cortez
<i>Perkins MS</i>	Victor	Ramirez



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LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
<i>Pullam Elem.</i>	Mary Alice	Bodden
<i>Putegnat Elem.</i>	Adriana	Mireles
<i>Rivera ECHS</i>	Clement	Markley

IV. Recommend approval of minutes

Mark Munoz from Perez Elementary made the motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2017 with the date correction of March to May for summer school workshops, and Demina Nichols from Oliveira Middle School seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Election of DEIC Officer(s)

A. Clement Markley from Rivera ECHS will be returning as President, Tony Meza from Faulk MS will continue as Vice-President, and Margarita Gonzalez from Longoria Elementary will continue as Secretary. Ella Rios from Keller Elementary was nominated and approved by acclamation for Parliamentarian to replace Dora Paz from Lucio Middle School who completed her term on the DEIC.

VI. Presentations

- A. Miguel Salinas, BISD Staff Attorney, made a short presentation to the members about using Robert's Rules of Order to run the DEIC meetings. He reviewed the procedures for making motions, seconding motions, holding discussions and taking the votes on agenda action items.
- B. Dr. Roni Louise Rentfro, DCSI, gave a short presentation on the key points of policies BQ, BQA, and BQB. She told the members that they play an important role in bringing district information to the campus SBDM even if they are not an elected member of that committee. She clarified that the 2/3's teacher membership calculation does not include the required parent, community and business representatives. She reminded the members that their SBDM should include a district professional elected by the campus non-teaching professionals. She also reminded the members that parents must have a student at the school to serve as a member of the SBDM and described the qualifications in policy for each membership category.
- C. Dr. Rentfro presented the calendar for the DEIC meetings for the year and encouraged all members to register for all of the sessions as soon as possible.
- D. Ms. Bertha Pena presented key elements and activities of the BISD Plan for Action for Language Arts and Reading. Some of the key points included:
 1. inclusion of district literacy activities during Extended Day Enrichment Program
 2. students should be taking books home to read twice a month
 3. A-Z Learning and other software to help improve reading and writing
 4. Checkpoints every 3 and 6 weeks of instruction that are 5-8 questions for teachers to use to assess the students' understanding of content/TEKS
 5. Frameworks have all been updated to include more literacy across all core content areas
 6. September 30th Third Annual Literacy Conference and Gretchen Barnaby workshops are early in the year to help improve literacy instructional strategies and lessons
- E. Bertha Pena and Dr. Rentfro informed the membership that there were some Goal 1 strategy updates to include new software and materials that are being provided district-wide. Dr. Rentfro



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also asked for volunteers to sign up for goal subcommittees before the October meeting because this year members will be more involved in the revisions and updates of the District Improvement Plan throughout the year.

VII. Action Items

1. The Elementary STEM Pilot “Dive-in Engineering” workshop pull-out day request for 50 elementary teachers on September 21st was presented by Michelle Seney, Curriculum Specialist. Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS made the motion to approve and Alberto Garcia from BECHS seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. The Middle School STEM Greenpower (electric car) workshop pull-out day request for 10 middle school STEM teachers on September 22nd was presented by Michelle Seney, Curriculum Specialist. Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS made the motion to approve and Leonila Garcia from Stillman Middle School seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. The Middle School Athletic Coordinators’ Concussion and Return to Learn workshop pull-out day request for 10 coaches on September 20th and a pending Spring date was presented by Dr. Rentfro for Sandra Powers who was unable to be attend the meeting. Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS made the motion to approve and Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

- Mr. Meza announced the next meeting would be the Special Called meeting on October 4th at the BISD Boardroom at 5:00 PM and the next regularly scheduled meeting would be October 16, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the BISD Boardroom.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Tony Meza, DEIC Vice-President, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary made the motion and Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.