



BROWNVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)

2017-2018

Official Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2017 Special Called Meeting

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 by Dr. Roni Louise Rentfro and Maria V. Gonzales

Dr. Rentfro and Maria Gonzales welcomed the members and told them that Dr. Zendejas and Bertha Peña truly appreciated everyone taking the time to participate in the Special Called Meeting to provide input into the district’s Every Student Succeeds Act Equity Plan.

II. Meeting Called to Order

Clement Markley, DEIC President, called the Special Called DEIC meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

III. Roll Call:

The following DEIC members were not in attendance (note correction):

LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Aiken Elem.	Marina	Howard
El Jardin Elem.	Norma	Hurtado
Hanna ECHS	Elizabeth	Rocha
Lucio MS	Carey-Jo	Alfaro-Sweatt
Manzano MS	Gertrudes	Martinez
Oliveira MS	Demina	Nichols
Perez Elem.	Mark	Munoz
Perkins MS	Victor	Ramirez
Pullam Elem.	Maria Alice	Bodden
Stillman MS	Leonila	Garcia

The following campuses sent substitutes to the meeting: Brite Elementary, BLA HS, Gonzalez Elementary, Vela MS, Villa Nueva Elementary, and Yturria Elementary.

IV. Presentations

1. Maria V. Gonzales and Dr. Roni Louise Rentfro, members of the BISD ESSA Equity Plan Committee, presented the process for the development of a district Equity Plan and provided samples of the data used to determine areas of concern for the district. Campuses were ranked based on percentage of students of poverty and minority. The ESSA Equity Plan committee members then compared the highest and lowest campus quartile groups’ data. The data was averaged to determine any gaps related to inexperienced teachers and out of field teachers. BISD’s gaps were significantly smaller than the State of Texas but some were still found. The committee determined that there are some areas that BISD can improve to increase the percentage of highly effective teachers based on information provided by participating departments, faculty and staff surveys, and parent surveys.



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The DEIC members were asked to do a Think, turn, talk, Scribe! Activity to provide input into the strategies to address the small equity gaps and to increase the percentage of highly effective teachers working at higher poverty/minority and/or low performing schools. Members were able to submit written feedback as an individual or small group.

2. Dr. Rentfro thanked all of the members for their willingness to be active with the various Goal Subcommittees. She did notify the representatives that some individuals were given their third committee choice to be able to balance the Goal Subcommittees between elementary, middle and high school levels and with various membership categories. The New Goals, Migrant and Curriculum subcommittees would be meeting soon to revise sections of this year's District Improvement Plan to address new priorities. Individuals who had any concerns with their committee placement were encouraged to contact her.

V. Announcements

Mr. Markley announced the next meeting would be November 13, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the BISD Boardroom. He noted that DEIC members were now pre-registered for the meetings and they should automatically get reminders from the Professional Development System.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Markley, DEIC President, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anna Gabbert from Pace High School made the motion and Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.