



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)

2017-2018

Unofficial Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2018

NOTE: the DEIC Meeting was rescheduled due to Board Meetings.

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 Bertha Peña, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, for Dr. Zendejas who was attending another district committee meeting. Bertha Peña shared the following information with the membership:

- The District of Innovation (DOI) plan was approved and the DEIC Calendar subcommittee did an excellent job of working to create academic calendar options that include preferred holiday breaks and work around assessment and program requirements. The Calendar subcommittee initially created three calendar options that started the last week of August. After the Board of Trustees approved the DOI plan in December, the subcommittee met again to set up calendars starting one week or two weeks earlier. After board members questioned whether or not a three day option was considered by the members, another meeting was held to confirm the A, B, C options that were presented to campuses for voting. Campuses voted in January for the calendar to recommend to the BISD Board of Trustees for adoption.
- Due to questions about whether only certified staff or all campus employees voting for the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar and after researching prior practices, the campuses were asked to void the original vote and re-do the vote to allow all campus employees to vote for calendar A, B, or C. The votes have been tallied and the campus preference based on the votes will be presented to the board for adoption on February 6, 2018 and members of the Calendar Committee plan to attend the Board meeting. The DEIC members were not given the final calendar recommendation because the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar must be reviewed and adopted by the Board before it becomes final.
- The district is moving forward on determining the feasibility of offering elementary STEAM and Technology academies for next year. Committees composed of campus principals and district staff are meeting to determine guidelines and develop a plan to present to the Board of Trustees.
- There is also a district committee led by Dr. Dora Saucedo working on the plan to allow for some elementary campuses to add sixth grade students. This is being proposed as an option at elementary campuses with the capacity to have classes for sixth grade students--especially near middle school campuses that are at capacity with their current enrollments. More information should be coming soon.
- The PK-3 program will be continuing for next year with enrollment for students already under way. Students in the PK-3 program who meet current free participation in PK-4 programs will continue in the program and the district has about 100 students who are currently not eligible for free PK-4 that will be served at cluster campus sites in full-day programs.
- The district is continuing to look for innovative programs and ways to address the needs of our students and community. Although Ms. Pena said she is retiring this year, she wanted the members to know that she loves BISD and appreciates how dedicated the campuses and teachers are to the district and students.



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- Bertha Pena provided the information that BISD, in partnership with Region One will be hosting the 4th Annual Literacy Conference on March 23-24, 2018 at Lopez Early College High School.

At the end of the meeting, Roni Rentfro forwarded Dr. Zendejas’s apologies for the changes in dates and locations due to the Special Called Board Meeting, Board Committee meetings and Employee Benefits called meeting. Members expressed concerns about the moving dates and meeting locations and requested that the meetings just be scheduled at the CAB Cafeteria so the dates and location could remain the same. Dr. Rentfro noted that actually most of the remaining Spring meetings would be at CAB due to the breakout space needed for the subcommittees to begin work on the 2018-2019 District Improvement Plan.

II. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Clement Markley, DEIC President, was absent so Tony Meza, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the BISD CAB Cafeteria.

III. Roll Call:

The following DEIC members were not in attendance and their campus was not represented:

LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
<i>Cromack Elem.</i>	Joanna	Rivas
<i>Rivera ECHS</i>	Clement	Markley
<i>Russell Elem.</i>	Hernandez	Xavier

- Substitutes were present for BLA MS, Paredes Elementary, Sharp Elementary and Vela MS.
- Welcome to new member Paulette Martinez from Besteiro MS who will completing Heriberto Rodriguez’s term.

IV. Recommend approval of Minutes

1. Pat Nelson from Lincoln Park High School made the motion to approve the December 6, 2017, DEIC unofficial minutes as official and Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Presentations

1. Bertha Peña and Roni Rentfro presented a brief explanation of why representatives were asked to bring in the 2018-2019 Calendar voting documentation so it would be available in case of board or public requests for verification of the voting and results. Margarita Gonzalez, DEIC Secretary and Ella Rios, DEIC Parliamentarian, assisted staff in collecting the campus documentation. A few campuses had individual questions regarding the campus employee ballots and were directed to Mrs. Peña for clarifications. Mrs. Peña ultimately stated that since Principals had to sign the Campus Result Ballot, the principals would be responsible if teacher or staff came back and stated they did not have a chance to vote.



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2. Dr. Rentfro read the BISD Marketing Focus Group guidance to the membership and provided about 12 minutes for the survey questions to be completed and submitted anonymously
3. Dr. Rentfro briefly went over the Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) packet of information. She asked the members to assist their principals and deans as their campus continues the continuous improvement cycle and as the campus SBDM begins to work on the 2018-2019 campus plans later this Spring.

VI. Action Items--None

VII. Announcements

Mr. Meza announced the next meeting would be February 26, 2018 (PDS# 65936) at 5:30 PM at the CAB Cafeteria.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Meza called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Munoz, Representative for Perez Elementary made the motion to adjourn and Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.



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