



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)

2017-2018

Unofficial Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2018

Monday, March 19, 2018

5:30 pm

CAB Cafeteria

PDS# 65937

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

I. Welcome by Dr. Roni Louise Rentfro for Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, Superintendent of Schools, due to Dr. Zendejas's prior engagements:

- Dr. Rentfro thanked committee members for their dedication and reminded them that the work the committees were starting for development of the 2018-2019 District Improvement Plan was important for improving the success of BISD students and our stakeholders.
- It was understood that some members were not attending due to Middle School Open House.
- She informed the membership that BISD is recognized as one of the top performing districts in the state for serving high poverty and second language learners. That does not mean we are satisfied with our students' performance. The progress the district has made over the past five years is significant and BISD teachers and staff should be proud and continue to be committed to doing the best for our students.
- Policies have been changed for SBDM and DEIC terms so that members that want to run for election for more than one two-year term will now be able to be re-elected.

II. Meeting Called to Order

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

III. Roll Call:

The following DEIC members were not in attendance (most members were absent due to Middle School Open House commitments as faculty or as parents and were not able to send substitutes):

LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
<i>Administration</i>	Rosa	Pones
<i>Brownsville Academic Center</i>	Ninfa	Garcia
<i>Champion Elementary</i>	Teodoro	Soto
<i>Gallegos Elementary</i>	Rayna	Estrada
<i>Garcia MS</i>	Deborah	Hill
<i>Hudson Elementary</i>	Cynthia	Cantu
<i>Longoria Elementary</i>	Margarita	Gonzalez
<i>Lucio MS</i>	Carey	Alfaro-Sweatt
<i>Perkins MS</i>	Victor	Ramirez
<i>Russell Elementary</i>	Xavier	Hernandez
<i>Sharp Elementary</i>	Rebecca	Wood



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<i>Stillman MS</i>	Leonila	Garcia
<i>Vela MS</i>	Maribel	Guerrero

- Substitutes were present for Canales Elementary, Cromack Elementary and Porter ECHS.
- Thank you to the program area support staff who attended to help guide the subcommittee reviews of the needs and strategies to meet goals and performance objectives.

IV. Recommend approval of minutes

Pat Nelson from Lincoln Park School made the motion and Dina Chavez from Stell MS seconded the motion to approve the minutes for February 26, 2018, with no corrections. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Presentations

- **District Improvement Plan review of goals, performance objectives and strategies supported by departmental representatives with recommendations for additions/deletions and revisions to the plan for 2017-2018**
- She informed the membership that the state as well as the district's new goals and performance objectives would mean that the DIP and campus improvement plans would not just be "rolled" versions of the current year. As soon as the revised DIP goals were in place then the campuses will begin revising their plans using these goals.
- She went over the work by Victoria Bernhardt, Ph.D. on using Multiple Measures versus the old NCLB Needs Assessment groupings of data and challenges. Demographics, Perceptions, Student Learning/Achievement, and School Programs/Processes will be used as the Needs Assessment categories for next year's plans. The members were provided with a graphic of the 4 Multiple Measures and a crosswalk matching the 8 NCLB areas with the Multiple Measures.
- Unfortunately perceptions can become reality for many parents and community members. Some parents do not want their students attending BISSD middle schools because they think they are not safe but BISSD has no schools labeled by TEA as unsafe. She noted that she personally has never felt unsafe on any BISSD campus as any level. The district is working to change perceptions through various measures and we are all part of that endeavor.
- She provided an overview of the subcommittee agenda for the breakout session. Subcommittees were to review the needs assessments and then review the strategies using the information provided at the last meeting on the mid-year formative review. She asked that members take the time to ensure the strategies are clear and targeted, that the individuals noted to monitor the strategy could actually monitor the strategy and the formative/summative assessment information included the expected results or impact. She also recommended that the members make sure that a strategy was matched to a need—it could be that a need was there but not stated in the current DIP and would need to be added. A subcommittee member needed to be selected as the Chair and ensure input from all members of the subcommittee. Each subcommittee needs to select a scribe to record changes and submit notes before leaving.



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VI. Action Items

None

VII. Announcements

- BISD/Region One 4th Annual Literacy Conference March 23 and 24th at Lopez ECHS.
- Homework—continue reviewing and collecting information from campus to bring to the April 16th meeting.
- April is Autism Month—4th Annual Autism Conference at CAB Auditorium on April 13th
- *Next DEIC Meeting – Monday, April 16, 2018, Professional Development System workshop #65940 at CAB Cafeteria and then breakout sessions in CAB for each goal area.*

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Clement Markley, DEIC President, called for a motion from the membership before dispersing to the breakout session sites to work on the District Improvement Plan. Loretta Dickinson from Garza Elementary made the motion and Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

The subcommittee groups moved to breakout rooms to discuss their Goal area needs and strategies to meet the goal and performance objectives:

- Goal 1 met in the Cafeteria with the support of Dr. Norma Ibarra and Dolores Emerson along with other Curriculum Program staff. Elizabeth Rocha from Hanna ECHS was selected to chair the subcommittee and Loretta Dickenson from Garza Elementary served as the scribe.
- Goal 2 met with the New Goals subcommittee in Room 216/CAB Staff Lounge to work on reviewing Goals 9 to 11 and discussing new goals needed to match with revised TEA Chapter 4 performance objectives supported by Dr. Rentfro. Citlali Gonzalez from Brite Elementary was selected to chair the subcommittee and Roni Rentfro served as the scribe.
- Goal 3 met in Room 220 supported by Martin Luna and JJ De Leon. Dina Chavez from Stell MS was selected to chair the subcommittee and Marina Howard from Aiken Elementary served as the scribe.
- Goal 4 met in the Pupil Services office supported by Lucila Garza. Paulette Martinez from Besteiro MS was selected to chair the subcommittee and Viviana Trejo from Morningside Elementary served as the scribe.
- Goal 5 met in the Pupil Services conference room supported by Randy Park. Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS was selected to chair the subcommittee and Maribel Martinez from Egly Elementary served as the scribe.
- Goal 6 met in the Parental Involvement Office supported by Rosalva Larrasquitu. Gertrudes Martinez from Manzano MS was selected to chair the subcommittee and Ms Larrasquitu served as the scribe.
- Goal 7 met in the Migrant Office supported by Letty Barrientes. Mark Munoz from Perez Elementary was selected to chair the subcommittee and Ms. Barrientes served as the scribe.
- Goal 8 met in Room 107 supported by David Mitchell. Tony Meza from Faulk MS was selected to chair the subcommittee and Adriana Mireles served as the scribe.