



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

Official Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2018 approved May 14, 2018

Monday, April 16, 2018
5:30 pm
CAB Cafeteria
PDS# 65940

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 engagement:

- Dr. Rentfro thanked committee members for their commitment to the district and for the work they have done to date on the 2018-2019 District Improvement Plan.
- She reminded campuses that perceptions are often used for making decisions about enrolling in BISD as much or more than reality. She related a recent conversation with a parent of three BISD students who almost withdrew them all because of an issue with one of the children in the Extended Day Enrichment Program not keeping the child engaged. She also noted that she sympathized and empathized with teachers doing afterschool programs and tutorials because adult energies are starting to drop but students seem to still have plenty of energy. It is very important for everyone to remain calm and supportive in dealing with students and parents.
- She thanked all of the teachers for their work preparing our students for the reading, math, and ELA EOC assessments that took place last week and provided best wishes for student success on the rest of the upcoming assessments.
- 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 to either SBDMs or the DEIC.

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:

LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
<i>Brownsville Academic Center</i>	Ninfa	Garcia
<i>BLA HS</i>	Sara	Crixell
<i>BLA MS</i>	Dulce	Rios
<i>Brite Elementary</i>	Citlali	Gonzalez
<i>Cromack Elementary</i>	Joanna	Rivas
<i>Hudson Elementary</i>	Cynthia	Cantu
<i>Lucio MS</i>	Carey	Alfaro-Sweatt
<i>Oliveira MS</i>	Demina	Nichols



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LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
<i>Ortiz Elementary</i>	Francisco	Valdez
<i>Palm Grove</i>	Eliseo	Garza
<i>Perez Elementary</i>	Mark	Munoz
<i>Russell Elementary</i>	Xavier	Hernandez
<i>Sharp Elementary</i>	Rebecca	Wood
<i>Villa Nueva Elementary</i>	Leticia	Alaniz-Alonso

- A substitute was present for Stell MS.
- 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

Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS made the motion and Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary seconded the motion to approve the minutes for March 19, 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**
- Dr. Rentfro presented the nine new/revised District goals that had been developed/revised with the assistance of the New Goals Subcommittee based on the new BISD Board goals and the revised TEA Chapter 4 goals and objectives. There were no questions and no proposed revisions to the goals.
- After taking the vote to approve the District Improvement Plan annual goals, Dr. Rentfro reviewed the process to follow in the break-out sessions and then went over the revised subcommittee assignments—most subcommittee groups remained together but the Goal numbers changed. There were a few subcommittees combined with others to work on the new goal performance objectives and strategies.

VI. Action Items

The motion to approve the nine District Improvement Plan goals was made by Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS. The motion was seconded by Loretta Dickinson from Garza Elementary and the motion was unanimously approved by the DEIC representatives in attendance.

VII. Announcements

- ***Final Scheduled DEIC Meeting – Monday, May 14, 2018, PDS# 65941 at BISD CAB Cafeteria to review and approve the 2018-2019 District Improvement Plan and any early fall pull-out sessions for professional development activities.***
- ***Dr. Rentfro thanked Clement Markley for serving as President, congratulated him on his upcoming retirement from office, and led the membership in singing Happy Birthday.***



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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 Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary seconded the motion to officially adjourn at 7:00 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

The subcommittee groups moved to break-out rooms to discuss their Goal area needs, revise performance objectives and review/revise/edit strategies to meet the goal and performance objectives:

- New/Old 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 continued to chair the subcommittee and Loretta Dickenson from Garza Elementary served as the scribe along with program staff.
- Old Goal 2 members joined the New Goal 1 subcommittee and worked on Performance Objective 5 and revising the co-curricular strategies to focus on academic aspects.
- Old Goal 3 members met with the Old Goal 4 members in Room 220 supported by Martin Luna, Lucy Garza, and JJ De Leon to work on New Goal 9. The 2 subcommittees combined efforts to work on revising the performance objectives and strategies as needed. Paulette Martinez from Besteiro MS continued to chair the subcommittee and Viviana Trejo from Morningside Elementary served as the scribe along with notes taken by program staff.
- New/Old Goal 5 met in the Pupil Services conference room supported by Randy Park. Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS continued to chair the subcommittee and Maribel Martinez from Egly Elementary served as the scribe.
- New/Old Goal 6 met in the Parental Involvement Office supported by Rosalva Larrasquitu. Gertrudes Martinez from Manzano MS continued to chair the subcommittee and Ms Larrasquitu served as the scribe.
- Old Goal 7 met in the Migrant Office supported by Letty Barrientes. This group was dismissed early because the program will get updates this week that will need to be included. They are scheduled to meet the following week in the Migrant Office.
- Goal 8 met in Room 107 supported by David Mitchell. Tony Meza from Faulk MS continued to chair the subcommittee and Adriana Mireles served as the scribe.
- The New Goals Subcommittee met to review the new Goals 2, 3, 4 and 7 with Dr. Rentfro. Ella Rios continued to serve as scribe and substituted as chair due to the absence of Ms. Gonzalez.