



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

Unofficial Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2018

Monday, May 14, 2018
5:30 pm
CAB Cafeteria
PDS# 65941

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 at a Special Called Board Meeting:

- Dr. Rentfro thanked committee members for their commitment to the district, for their professionalism throughout the year, and for the work they have done on the school year 2018-2019 District Improvement Plan.
- She also forwarded thanks and congratulations to all teachers and non-teaching professionals to forward to their campus faculty and staff for the progress the district has continued to make.
- She noted that the Texas Commission on School Finance members were not only impressed by Dr. Zendejas’s presentation on the BISD Pre-kindergarten program, but also by data showing that BISD is outperforming the state on state assessments, especially for Hispanics and low socio-economic students.
- She reminded members to make sure those completing their two-year terms considered nominating themselves for election for another two-year term. Six new non-teaching professionals and 25 teachers will need to be elected to new two-year terms in September. Non-teaching professional members include principals, assistant principals, deans, counselors, librarians, and other special assignments that are on professional contracts but do not have direct instructional (classroom/student) assignments.
- She thanked all of the members whom were completing the second year of their term again and invited everyone to partake of the “Thank you” cakes after the meeting.

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>BECHS</i>	Garcia	Alberto
<i>BLA HS</i>	Crixell	Sara
<i>Hanna ECHS</i>	Rocha	Elizabeth
<i>Lucio MS</i>	Alfaro-Sweatt	Carey-Jo
<i>Paredes Elem.</i>	Rodriguez	Myra
<i>Perkins MS</i>	Ramirez	Victor



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LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
<i>Putegnat Elem.</i>	Mireles	Adriana Reyna
<i>Russell Elem.</i>	Hernandez	Xavier
<i>Sharp Elem.</i>	Wood	Rebecca
<i>Stell MS</i>	Chavez	Dina
<i>Stillman MS</i>	Garcia	Leonila

- A substitute was present for Lopez ECHS.
- Thank you to the program area support staff who attended to be available to answer and questions about 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 Pat Nelson from Lincoln Park School seconded the motion to approve the minutes for March 19, 2018. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Presentations

- Roni Rentfro began her presentation of the 2018-2019 District Improvement Plan with an overview of the BISD Mission, Vision, and Belief Statement. She went over the four needs assessment areas and highlighted several strengths and needs in each area that were identified by the various DEIC subcommittees with the support of district program staff.
- She pointed out areas where the district STAAR data exceeded state performance for Spring 2017 and shared the expectation of continuing this progress. She shared that the BISD STEM initiative rolled out the GreenpowerUSA electric car competition for middle school teams this year and Garcia Middle School teacher, Mario Molina, the district and UTRGV were including in the National Science Teacher Association *Report* and Blog for May 2018. She noted that the Lucio MS History Fair winners are advancing to the National History Fair competition in Washington, D.C. in June.
- She reminded members of the importance of the SBDM looking at a wide range of data from surveys, assessments and other reports. Dr. Rentfro noted that, based on the BISD Campus Needs Assessment surveys for staff, only 59% of elementary staff, 53% middle school staff and 36% high school staff, “strongly agree” with the statement: “Teachers consistently hold high academic expectations for all students.” This typed of information needs to be looked into further to see what is causing these perceptions since she does believe BISD is the best choice.
- The 2018-2019 goals and performance objectives were reviewed and some strategies were highlighted in each area. She reminded members that the plan had been emailed to them to review before the meeting (DEIC homework). Each subcommittee stood to be recognized for their work as each goal was reviewed. Program and departmental representatives were available to answer any questions about needs assessment information or the need for any particular strategy.

VI. Action Items (see attached copies of pull-out sessions that were approved—dates may be subject to change)



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- The motion to approve the District Improvement Plan with needed corrections or required updates was made by Loretta Dickinson from Garza Elementary. The motion was seconded by Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary. The motion was unanimously approved by the DEIC representatives.
- The request to approve pull-out days for Early Childhood professional development was made by Maria V. Gonzales. Sylvia McDonough from Burns Elementary made the motion and Ninfa Garcia from BAC seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The request for approval of Dyslexia teacher pull out days for professional development was presented by Dr. Norma Ibarra-Cantu, substituting for Julie Salinas. The motion to approve was made by Debora Hill from Garcia MS and was seconded by Demina Nichols from Oliveira MS. Approval was unanimous.
- The request to approve the Dual Enrollment teacher pull out days for professional development was presented by Merrill Hammons. Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS made the motion and Elizabeth Valdez from Resaca Elementary seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.
- The request to approve the Career and Technical Education teacher pull out days for professional development was presented by Erika Sikes for Dr. Juan Chavez. Lucila Besteiro-Martin from Benavides Elementary made the motion and the motion was seconded by Teodoro Soto from Champion Elementary. Approval was unanimous.

VII. Announcements

- Clement Markley again thanked the members for their dedication and diligence in serving as a 2017-2018 DEIC representative and requested that everyone stay for refreshments.
- The District Education Improvement Council (DEIC) will reconvene with new and returning members on September 17, 2018, at CAB Cafeteria at 5:30 PM, session #88260.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Clement Markley, DEIC President, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Loretta Dickinson from Garza Elementary made the motion and Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary seconded the motion to officially adjourn for the 2017-2018 school year at approximately 6:50 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.