



Brownsville Independent School District

1900 Price Road Brownsville, Texas 78521-2417

District Education Improvement Council

Unofficial Minutes for October 21, 2019

CAB Cafeteria

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Deputy Superintendent for C&I and
Human Resources

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BISD Mission Statement

Brownsville Independent School District will graduate students who are prepared to excel in higher education and successfully pursue career opportunities in a changing global society by maximizing resources to ensure equitable opportunities for all students.

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Ms. Anna Gabbert, President at 5:30 PM at CAB Cafeteria.
- II. Roll Call was conducted by Ms. Anna Gabbert, President.

The following campus representatives were absent:

Location	Last Name	First Name
Cromack Elementary	Castillo	Maria
Faulk MS	Diaz	Edgar
Morningside Elementary	Trejo	Viviana
Southmost Elementary	Guzman	Virginia
Stell MS	Perea	Norma
Stillman MS	Rodriguez	Leticia
Villa Nueva Elementary	Vela	Ernie

Substitutes were present for the following campuses:

Location	Representative	Substitute
Gallegos Elementary	Chavez, Melissa	Maciel, Irma
Perez Elementary	Davies, Marisa	Moreno, Michael

- III. Welcome by Dr. Roni Louise Rentfro, representing Dr. René Gutiérrez, BISD Superintendent. On his behalf, she noted that the Dr. Gutierrez, Dr. Trevino, and Dr. Saucedo were not able to attend the meeting due to a Special Called Board Meeting. Roni Rentfro asked all of the new DEIC representatives to stand and be welcomed to the DEIC. She asked the Calendar Committee volunteers to stand and to be recognized so members could contact them with any recommendations about the calendar for next year.
- IV. Unofficial Minutes of the Monday, September 16, 2019, DEIC Meeting were approved with a name correction for Ernie Vela, Villa Nueva Elementary. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Luz Marshall, Martin Elementary, and seconded by Carmen Garcia from Canales Elementary. The motion was approved unanimously.

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V. Presentations

- A. Roni Louise Rentfro, DCSI, presented an overview of the new Texas Essential Schools Framework (ESF) that is replacing the Texas Accountability Interventions and Supports (TAIS) this year. The ESF information is located at TEXASESF.org and she encouraged all campuses to look at the Framework. She pointed out that the new system includes district commitments as well as the success criteria for the key practices under the Essential Actions for each of the five ESF Levers. Because of the earlier power outage, Dr. Rentfro did not go into much detail about the Framework. One member wanted more information about the district commitments so the commitments for Lever 5: Effective Instruction were shared with the membership. Another member asked about the key practice of ensuring effective substitutes and noted that some staff were not sure who to report poor substitutes to or how to report them. A member suggested removal of poor substitutes falls to the Human Resources Department; however, as Dr. Rentfro pointed out, if the HR department was not notified by the campus staff, that substitute was still available in the system.
- B. Dr. Rentfro shared the goal sub-committee lists. She noted that over 70% of the representatives placed were on their preferred sub-committee and most other members were placed in their second preference area. She asked members to communicate with her if any assignments were incorrect.

VI. Action Items

- A. Carlos Olvera, Administrator for Bilingual Education, presented in place of Dr. Norma Ibarra, Administrator for Secondary Curriculum. He briefly went through the request for approval for 2019-2020 Curriculum Department English Language Arts pull-out days in April 2020 for DMR training for middle school teachers. The motion to approve was made by Dr. Ninfa Garcia from the Brownsville Academic Center and seconded by Pat Nelson from Lincoln Park School. The motion was approved unanimously.
- B. Request for approval for 2019-2020 Bilingual Department pull-out days for training for teachers presented by Carlos Olvera, Administrator for Bilingual Education. One of the representatives asked which teachers are expected to attend and he clarified that this was for the secondary teachers that are servicing English Learners (ELs). Another question was asked about the time lag between sessions for the certifications and the exams. Mr. Olvera stated that teachers were welcome to register again for the preparation sessions as long as there was space. One representative asked if all secondary teachers need to be certified this year and he clarified that BISD is currently using the ESL Pull-out Model that only requires ELA teachers servicing identified students have the certification. The Bilingual Department continues to support any secondary teachers who want to pursue the certification. The question was asked about teachers with out-of-state certifications and

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Mr. Olvera said they should be referred to the Human Resources Department to have get a determination on the certification areas. The motion to approve was made by Sylvia McDonough from Burns Elementary and seconded by Rachel Guerrero from Vermillion Elementary. The motion was approved unanimously.

- C. Presentation of and request for approval of revisions to the Migrant Program Performance Objectives in the 2019-2020 District Improvement Plan by Estella Barrientes, Administrator for Migrant Programs. She informed the Council that the performance objectives are being updated to align with the revised Migrant Program outcome-based measures. In response to a question, she told the members that the district currently has 579 students. The program has to service both enrolled students and those not enrolled in BISD as long as they are living in Brownsville. Families move in and out of BISD and the region frequently and Region One is currently down 2000 students from prior years. The motion to approve was made by Micaela Escobar, District-wide Representative, and seconded by Anna Gabbert from Pace ECHS. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next DEIC Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2019, at 5:30 PM at CAB Cafeteria
B. Members will continue to be pre-registered for the meetings in the Professional Development System. Substitutes should register for session (PDS#113315).

VIII. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Mathew Gracia from Oliveira MS and seconded by Luz Marshall from Martin Elementary. The motion was approved unanimously at approximately 6:10 PM.