



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
2009-2010

December 14, 2009
5:30 p.m.
Board Room

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Facilitators: Mary Jo Monfils, Interim Assistant Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Sharon Moore, Administrator for Secondary Curriculum
Bea Garcia, Administrator for Elementary Curriculum

- I. Welcome: Brett Springston, Superintendent of Schools, provided the welcome. Mr. Springston shared a personal story and poem to illustrate the importance for all teachers and campuses to stay ahead of the students and changes that we know are coming in the future to accountability standards. Only 55% instead of 84% of the BISD schools would have been recognized or exemplary if this coming year's standards had been in place last year. He wished all members a restful and enjoyable holiday after asking us to remember less fortunate individuals this time of year and give whatever we can to help. He praised Brownsville citizens for their caring attitudes and willingness to share whatever we have with others.
- II. Roll Call was taken by sign-in sheet with the following members not in attendance:

Josie Montes	Stillman Middle School
Guadalupe Izaguirre	Brownsville Police Dept.
Veronica Cordova	Paredes Elementary (Parent)
Marisela Cortez	Hist. Brownsville Museum
Yesenia Maza	Holiday Inn
- III. Recommend approval of minutes for November 16, 2009: Jose Luis Martinez, Porter High School substitute representative, made the motion to accept the minutes and Irma Villarreal from Brownsville Learning Academy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. President's Report: December Officers' Meeting held on Monday, December 7, 2009: A copy of the minutes from the meeting are in the members' folders. There were no questions from the members regarding the report.
- V. Campus Input - BISD Academic Calendar Options for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012: Sharon Moore introduced the calendar options noting that the official ballot needed to be submitted with the principal's signature. Lucy Green provided the information that a preliminary count showed the DEIC recommendation to the BISD Administration to take to the Board of Trustees for approval would be Option A for both school years. She also noted that April 25, 2011 is a TAKS LAT testing date, and it might require a change to the calendar; however, since the Texas Education Agency has not finalized their testing calendar, BISD would go forward with the calendars as proposed at this time.

- VI. Action Item: Request for Teacher Pull Out Days
- Special Education request for training dates in January 2010 were presented by Sharon Moore. The committee members had no questions and Jose Luis Martinez made the motion to approve the dates. Josie Villarreal from Putegnat Elementary seconded the motion and the committee members approved the motion unanimously.
- VII. Announcements were made by Sharon Moore and Bea Garcia
- Next DEIC Meeting – Monday, January 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the BISD Board Room will be significantly longer. Members should plan to stay until after 7:00 p.m. as sub-committees will work with the Specialists from the Curriculum and Instruction Department to analyze and revise the curriculum sections of the District Improvement Plan. February's meeting will also be fairly lengthy as it is when the sub-committees will meet with BISD Program Administrators to revise the programmatic sections of the District Improvement Plan.
 - Well wishes were shared by all for a wonderful holiday break.
- VIII. Adjournment motion was made by Jose Luis Martinez, substitute representative from Porter High School, and seconded by Rosie Gorena from Lopez High School. The DEIC members voted unanimously to adjourn.