



District Education Improvement Committee 2011-12

MINUTES

November 3, 2011

Members In Attendance

James Hare, Brandi Gosnay, Candice McKee, Angela Lavergne, Rebecca Hanzel, Kelly Coats, Soviet Threatt, Rhonda Perez, Gloria Roach, Manuel Escalante, Mike Niemeyer, Cindi Ollis, Ella Moreaux, Carla Voelkel, Greg Ollis.

Welcome and Introductions

Greg Ollis, Superintendent, welcomed the committee. New members were introduced and Soviet Threatt was selected as the DEIC chairperson.

BQA (Local)

BQA (Local) is the board policy that outlines requirements for planning and decision-making at the district level. At the October board meeting this policy was updated, and the revisions to this policy were shared with DEIC members.

DEIS Roles and Responsibilities

Training was provided for committee members on the roles and responsibilities of the site-based decision making team by Ella Moreaux, Federal Programs Director. This included: required composition of the district committee and responsibilities of the district-level decision-making team, board of trustees, superintendent, central office staff, parents, community members, and business representatives.

STAAR Update

Carla Voelkel, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided an update on STAAR. The impact of the End-of-Course exams on high school students was also discussed. Each DEIC member was provided a copy of the recently released STAAR Q&A document from TEA.

Grading Guidelines

DEIC members divided into their two groups and reviewed the feedback received on the revised elementary and secondary grading guidelines. Final revisions will be completed and the revised guidelines will be shared with the Board of Trustees at the December meeting.

2012-2013 Calendar

The 2011-2012 school year is the last year the district can use the TEA expedited waiver that was approved in 2010 for staff development and early release days. DEIC members agreed unanimously to resubmit a waiver requesting three days for staff development and six early release days. The waiver will be presented to the Board for approval at the December meeting.

DEIC will use the same process as last year for the development of the 2012-2013 calendar. After providing a period of time for employee input, a DEIC calendar sub-committee will meet in December to prepare 2-3 calendar options. All employees will be given the opportunity to vote on the 2012-2013 calendar in January, and the calendar option will be presented to the Board for approval at the February meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- 2010-2011 AEIS Report
- STAAR Update Part II

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 2012
4:00 P.M. CISD Board Room

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.