

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)  
January 12, 2022**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 via Zoom due to a rise in Covid cases.

The following DEIC members were present:

Lindsay Hill	John Lorenzo	Linda Comeaux	Sara Patterson
Meagan Watson	Abigail Borel	Kristen Newkirk-	La Tasha Bell
Amy Kamata	Carrie Turner-Gray	DeHoyos	Beverly Lebherz
Diane Hartung	Erin Gallegos	Maretta Scott	Jennifer Lomas
Rochelle Hans	Marco Garza	Lisa Fairall	Maria Garcia-Rios
David Anderson	Joan Lovin	Mary Ramos	Jodi Harris
Kelly Pless			

Presenters:

- Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services
- Alex Vardell, Director, Performance and Planning
- Carrie Edmond, Assistant Director, Student Leadership & Well-Being
- Thomas Johnson, Executive Director, Technology Services

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Beverly Lebherz, new Chairperson, called the DEIC to order at 4:30 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the November 10, 2021, and October 28, 2021 (Zoom meeting scheduled at last minute) meetings were reviewed by the DEIC members present.

After minutes were reviewed, Mrs. Lebherz, Chair, asked the committee if they have a motion for approval. There was a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded. The minutes were accepted unanimously as presented.

**III. Castle Hills and ACE Calendar**

The Chairperson introduced, Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services. They presented a PowerPoint showing the proposed Extended School Year Calendar and calendars for Castle Hills Elementary and the Academy of Creative Education for the 2022-2023 School Year. This presentation was shown to the Board of Trustees during the January 10, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting. At the end of the presentation the floor was opened for questions.

#### **IV. Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)**

The Chair introduced Alex Vardell, Director, Performance and Planning. Mr. Vardell provided the annual presentation of the 2020-2021 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), THECG Report on Higher Education, Misconduct Incident Report, and the District Preventions and Intervention Practices. The TAPR must be presented annually to the board of trustees.

Mr. Vardell began the presentation with the TAPR portion of the report by comparing the district and state rankings on STAAR data and detailing the trends within the demographics, enrollment, dual enrollment, attendance, graduation, and CCMR categories.

Ms. Christi Wilbur, Executive Director, Pupil Personnel went over the Misconduct Incident Report portion of the presentation. Ms. Wilbur interpreted the trends and factors for the data collected within the report. She also reminded the committee that due to Covid the data is not the same as a typical school year.

Ms. Carrie Edmond, Assistant Director, Student Leadership and Well-Being provided a short summary and highlights of the Systems of Prevention & Intervention Programs portion of the presentation.

#### **V. Annual Dropout Update**

The Chairperson introduced, Carrie Edmond, Assistant Director, Student Leadership and Well-Being. Ms. Edmond gave an update on the Annual Dropout Rate. Ms. Edmond shared a PowerPoint presentation that explained Leaver Codes, the dropout profile and shared prevention strategies utilized by the district to identify, engage, and support the dropout risk student. The floor was then opened for questions and discussion.

#### **VI. Future Ready Discussion**

The Chairperson introduced, Tom Johnson, Executive Director, Technology Services. Mr. Johnson presented a PowerPoint on the Future Ready Discussion that Mr. Jarrett conducted during an earlier DEIC meeting. Mr. Johnson asked to important questions of the committee members after looking at the feedback from the previous discussion. What are some immediate things we need to START doing with technology in the classroom? What are some immediate things we need to STOP doing with technology in the classroom? Members were given 10 minutes to respond. Mr. Johnson thanked the members for their feedback and told them that this would be a continuing conversation.

#### **Adjourn**

Chairperson Lebherz announced the next meeting was over at 5:26pm. The next meeting would be April 6, 2022, 4:30pm in RAMEC 614.