

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
April 2, 2025**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 in Room 614 of the Richard A. Middleton Education Center, 8961 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

The following DEIC members were present:

Melissa Hernandez	Rocio Ocon-Garrido	Dolores Brown	Nicole Reich
Melissa Garcia	Mark Tafolla	Kristi Gilbert	Ida Nunez
Amy Kamata	Rob Shapiro	Alma Elena Braun	Kelli Nungesser
Cooper Harris	Joan Lovin	Jeff Fair	Melissa Barnes
Elizabeth Malin		Cory Caroll	

Presenters:

- Celeste Lafuente-Garza, Senior Director, Learning Support Services
- Cathy Hinojosa, Director, Professional Learning
- Shelbie Bell, Assistant Director, Instructional Technology Elementary Campuses
- Melissa Oliverez, Assistant Director, Bilingual/ESL
- Sarah Schenk, Assistant Director, Social Studies 9th-12th
- Amanda Tillman, Featured AI Pilot Teacher, Senior English, AP Lit, SAC Sophomore Dual Credit

I. Meeting Called to Order

Rob Shapiro, Chair, called the DEIC to order at 4:34 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair, Rob Shapiro, asked that the minutes from January 8, 2025, be reviewed by DEIC members present.

After minutes were reviewed, Mr. Shapiro asked the committee if they had a motion for approval. Cory Caroll moved to approve the minutes. Joan Lovin seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously as presented.

III. Summer Programs

Celeste Lafuente-Garza, Senior Director, Learning Support Services, gave a presentation on the Summer Learning Programs for 2025. Summer School will be held at 6 Elementary Schools. 5 of those schools will be for title students. There will also be 1 Middle School and 1 High School holding Summer School courses.

IV. 2025-2026 Professional Development Design & Planning

Cathy Hinojosa, Director of Professional Learning, gave a presentation on Professional Learning for the 2025-2026 School Year. She went through the calendar months and highlighted on what would be available for teachers to participate in. Suggestions for Professional Learning were taken from an activity that DEIC members participated in earlier in the school year. At the end of the presentation members were given a link to add items that they “Notice, Wonder or Consider” for the program.

V. Leading and Learning in a world of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Shelbie Bell, Melissa Oliverrez, Sara Schenk, and Amanda Tillman gave an interactive presentation on Artificial Intelligence in schools. There was an open discussion on how best AI could be used in the classroom and what boundaries are needed. NEISD started a pilot program to help with introducing AI to the classrooms in the best possible way. Stakeholders in the program meet regularly to discuss what has been taking place and how well it is being used. At the end of the discussion DEIC members were given a paper and a QR code to scan to enter “Glows & Grows”.

VI. Adjournment

Chairperson, Rob Shapiro asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Fair gave the motion and Mark Taffalo gave a second. The committee unanimously voted to end the meeting. Meeting was called at 6:04pm.

A reminder was given that this would be the last DEIC meeting of the school year. If for some reason another was needed it would be held remotely.