

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
October 6, 2021**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 in Room 614 of the Richard A. Middleton Education Center, 8961 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

The following DEIC members were present:

Lindsay Hill	Abigail Borel	Mandy Howland	Chris Castro
Meagan Watson	Carrie Turner-Gray	Maretta Scott	Jennifer Lomas
Amy Kamata	Erin Gallegos	Sara Patterson	Maria Garcia-Rios
Diane Hartung	Valerie Bravo	La Tasha Bell	Maria Mendoza
Kelly Pless	Joan Lovin	Julie Sitton	Jodi Harris
John Lorenzo	Mike Burns		

NEISD executive staff members present:

- Dr. Sean Maika, Superintendent
- Anthony Jarrett, Chief Instructional Office
- Rudy Jimenez, Chief of Schools and Leadership

Presenters:

- Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services
- Jennifer Gutierrez, Executive Director, Elementary Education
- Susan Diaz, Executive Director, Secondary Education
- Tom Johnson, Executive Director, Technology Services

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Jarrett called the DEIC to order at 4:30 pm.

II. Remarks from the Superintendent

Mr. Jarrett introduced Dr. Sean Maika, Superintendent. Dr. Maika welcomed the Council members and thanked them for agreeing to be on DEIC. He discussed how he would like for the Board Goals to tie in closely with what you in the community are doing. That is one of the reasons DEIC is so important. Dr. Maika also discussed how he feels blessed to work in education. He feels fortunate to come in every day and impact students. He once again thanked the group for their participation.

III. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Jarrett introduced himself, then welcomed all the Council members. Mr. Jarrett also introduced staff members that were in attendance. He then asked all Council members introduced themselves individually.

IV. Orientation: DEIC Roles and Responsibilities

Mr. Jarrett showed a PowerPoint about DEIC and discussed the roles and responsibilities of the group. He reiterated how important DEIC is and for members to speak up and give their input.

V. Naming of Chairperson

Mr. Jarrett addressed the committee about the roles of the chairperson. He then opened the floor for nominations for the 2021-2022 DEIC Chair. Julie Sitton nominated herself. No additional nominations were presented. John Lorenzo seconded the nomination. The committee voted unanimously to name Julie Sitton as the 2021-2022 DEIC Chair.

VI. Review of May 12, 2021 Minutes

Minutes for the May 12, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the DEIC members present.

After minutes were reviewed, Mrs. Sitton, in her new role as Chair, asked the committee if they have a motion for approval. Chris Castro motioned for the review and acceptance of the minutes. Maretta Scott seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously as presented.

VII. District Instructional Improvement Plan (DIIP)

The Chair introduced Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director of Learning Support Services. Dr. Munoz presented the most current District Instructional Improvement Plan in the format that the Board of Trustees will see at the next Board meeting. Each campus in the district also maintains a campus improvement plan. The DIIP is a living document that is constantly evolving. After the presentation, the floor was open for questions.

Mr. Jarrett answered questions by going through the DIIP and showing all the different divisions within the document. He touched on points under the different divisions. He reiterated that this is a living document that is constantly evolving.

The Chair asked for a motion for the 2021-2022 DIIP to be approved. Dr. Carrie Turner-Gray gave the motion for approval. Abigail Borel gave the second. The motion passed unanimously as presented.

VIII. ESSER Update

The Chair handed the floor back over to Mr. Jarrett who presented a PowerPoint on ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds. He explained that there was an ESSER I, ESSER II and ESSER III. He gave a brief explanation of each of them. He then focused on ESSER III. The funds must be used within 3 years, and you must have an exit plan. You do not want it to hit your regular budget. He highlighted the areas where the funds were needed the most and how the district would use them.

The parents and community were given a survey and the most requested item was hands on learning and engagement. The use and division of the funds were explained. The floor was opened for questions.

IX. Learning Loss Mitigation Plan Review

The Chair introduced Susan Diaz, Executive Director, Secondary Education and Jennifer Gutierrez, Elementary Education to review the Learning Loss Mitigation Plan. PLCs were discussed and 4 major questions were addressed. What do we expect students to learn? How do we know they are learning? How will we respond when some students don't learn? How will we extend the learning for students who are already proficient? Discussion took place throughout the presentation. Supports have been put in place for teachers and students at all levels.

Tom Johnson, Executive Director, Technology Services, addressed the work and programs that his department has designed to help the students be successful. 2 short videos were shown of Virtual Bridge Students.

Dr. Munoz spoke of what Learning Support Services has been doing to help students. She told the group about "Student 2 Student" that helps new students of military families.

Mr. Jarrett closed out the meeting and thanked the members for their attendance.

Adjourn

Chairperson Sitton announced the next meeting would be November 10, 2021, 4:30pm in RAMEC 614.

Chairperson Sitton requested a motion to adjourn. Joan Lovin gave the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Abigail Borel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.