

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)  
April 7, 2021**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held via Zoom.

The following DEIC members were present:

Debbie Mollicone	David Anderson	Kim Plummer	Ben Peterson
Robyn Pryor	Lisa Blom	Audra Frigon	Chris Castro
Selena Valdez	Robert Cater	Jacqui Kellogg	Jennifer Lomas
Amy Kamata	Joseph Percevecz	Christina Torgerson	Ida Nunez
Melanie Striffler	Ismael Rodriguez	Tamara Verschoyle	Jodi Harris
Lisa Brooks			

NEISD executive staff members present:

- Rudy Jimenez, Assistant Superintendent of Campus Administration
- Anthony Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Presenters:

- Tyler Shoemsmith, Senior Director, Student Leadership and Well-Being
- BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning
- Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services
- Jennifer Gutierrez, Executive Director, Elementary Education

**I. Welcome**

Mr. Anthony Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction gave welcome and a short update on items that are being worked on for the next school year. He also thanked all members of DEIC for serving this past school year. He then handed over the floor to Ida Nunez.

Ida Nunez, Chairperson, officially called the DEIC to order at 4:30 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the January 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the DEIC members present.

After minutes were reviewed, Mrs. Nunez, Chair, asked the committee if they have a motion for approval. There was a motion by Ms. Robyn Pryor, and seconded by Ms.

Jennifer Lomas to approve the January 13, 2021 Minutes. The motion carried and the January 13, 2021 Minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

### **III. PRS Compensatory Education Home Instruction Waiver**

The Chair introduced Mr. Tyler Shoesmith, Senior Director, Student Leadership and Well-Being.

Mr. Shoesmith gave a presentation for approval on the PRS Compensatory Education Home Instruction Waiver. The program helps provide academic services for eligible students during their prenatal, postpartum, and extended postpartum recovery periods of pregnancy. The floor was open for questions after the presentation.

Chairperson Nunez asked the council for a motion to approve the PRS Compensatory Education Home Instruction Waiver. There was a motion by Ms. Jodi Harris, and seconded by Mr. Robert Cater to approve the PRS Compensatory Education Home Instruction Waiver. The motion carried and the waiver was unanimously accepted as presented.

### **IV. State Accountability Update**

The Chair introduced BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning. Ms. Merriman presented the State Accountability Update for the District.

Ms. Merriman went over what to expect for the 2021 Accountability Rating. There will not be overall or domain scores in 2021. All districts and campuses are labeled *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster* due to COVID. She also went over House Bill 3906 Assessment Updates and changes that would be made in the future. By 2023 there should be 100% of testing on-line. This will be a 2-year transition. The floor was then opened for questions.

### **V. Family Engagement**

The Chair introduced Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services.

Dr. Munoz gave a presentation for approval on the NEISD Family Engagement Policy for 2021-2022. All Title 1 campuses send out written notice to parents of participating students. Parents are notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format. After the presentation, the floor was opened for questions.

Chairperson Nunez asked the council for a motion to approve the Family Engagement Policy for 2021-2022. There was a motion by Mr. Chris Castro, and seconded by Ms.

Jennifer Lomas to approve the Family Engagement Policy for 2021-2022. The motion carried and the waiver was unanimously accepted as presented.

## **VI. Summer Programs**

Chair stated that Dr. Munoz would now be presenting the NEISD 2021 Summer School Program.

Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Service gave a presentation on the NEISD 2021 Summer School Program. All the programs that would be available for students in the District were explained. There are multiple programs available to serve the different needs of the students in the district. The floor was then opened for questions and discussion.

## **VII. Extended School Year**

The Chair introduced Jennifer Gutierrez, Executive Director, Elementary Education.

Ms. Gutierrez gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Extended School-Year Learning Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Information was given on House Bill 3 which allows additional days to be added to the traditional calendar. The goal of this calendar is to focus in on students that need help with content. Elementary level students will get additional help mastering content during intersession weeks. A comparison of the Traditional School-Year Calendar and the Extended School-Year Calendar were shown, and differences were explained. After the presentation, the floor was opened for questions and discussion.

## **Adjourn**

Chairperson Nunez announced the next meeting would be May12, 2021, 4:30pm in RAMEC 614 or by Zoom if needed.

Chairperson Nunez requested a motion to adjourn. There was a motion by Ms. Debbie Mollicone and seconded by Mr. Chris Castro. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.