

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
October 7, 2020**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the first meeting of the 2020-2021 school year was held via Zoom.

The following DEIC members were present:

Debbie Mollicone	Lisa Blom	Kristin Newkirk-De	Tamara Verschoyle
Robyn Pryor	Robert Cater	Hoyos	Ben Peterson
Selena Valdez	Joseph Percevecz	Jacqui Kellogg	Chris Castro
Amy Kamata	Ismael Rodriguez	Maretta Scott	Jennifer Lomas
Melanie Striffler	Rick Menchaca	Christina Torgerson	Ida Nunez
Lisa Brooks	Michelle Martin	Megan Long	Maria Mendoza
David Anderson	Kim Plummer	Audra Frigon	Jodi Harris

NEISD executive staff members present:

- Dr. Sean Maika, Superintendent
- Dr. Donna Newman, Associate Superintendent of Instruction and Campus Administration
- Rudy Jimenez, Assistant Superintendent of Campus Administration
- Anthony Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Presenters:

- Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Newman called the DEIC to order at 4:30 pm.

Dr. Newman opened the meeting by introducing herself, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Jimenez then welcomed all the Council members. All Council members were introduced individually.

Dr. Newman introduced Dr. Sean Maika, Superintendent. Dr. Maika welcomed the Council members and thanked them for serving. He discussed the importance of the group and touched on some of the important things transpiring in the district. This included the new CyberSecurity Magnet program that will be opening during the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Maika also gave an update on Covid-19 safety protocols, virtual learning, and the student phase in program. And that the district has partnered with Morgan's Wonderland to create a fully accessible sports center for athletes with different abilities. He gave a thank you to the teachers for the amazing job they do, "you are the heartbeat".

Dr. Newman told the committee she has worked with DEIC for the past 4 years and feels it is important that the conversations are meaningful. Many important decisions have been made during these meetings. If you have any questions or any input please speak up, we want to hear what you have to say.

II. 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.

Naming of Chairperson

Mr. Jarrett addressed the committee about the roles of the chairperson. He then opened the floor for nominations for the 2020-2021 DEIC Chair. Mr. Anderson, Lisa Blom and Ida Nunez were nominated. Nominees were asked if one of them would accept the nomination. Ida Nunez accepted and was not contested. Maretta Scott seconded the nomination. The committee voted unanimously to name Ida Nunez as the 2020-2021 DEIC Chair.

III. Review of May 27, 2020 Minutes

Minutes for the May 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the DEIC members present.

After minutes were reviewed, Mrs. Nunez, in her new role as Chair, asked the committee if they have a motion for approval. Jennifer Lomas motioned for the review and acceptance of the minutes. Robin Pryor seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously as presented.

IV. 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. The areas of change from the May 27, 2020 DIIP were pointed out to committee members. After the presentation, the floor was open for questions. There were none.

Adjourn

Chairperson Nunez announced the next meeting would be November 11, 2020, 4:30pm in RAMEC 614 or by Zoom.

Chairperson Nunez requested a motion to adjourn. Chris Castro gave the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jodi Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.