

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
October 5, 2022**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 in Room 614 of the Richard A. Middleton Education Center, 8961 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

The following DEIC members were present:

Rebecca Gentry	Cheryl Hernandez	Sonia Moreno-Rogers	Alexandria Martinez
Selena Valdez	Abigail Borel	Laura Waldrum	Terri Sanchez
Amy Kamata	Cynthia Dubose	Lisa Thompson	Karen Martinez
Diana Hartung	Robert Cater	Gina Abrams	Jacob Collazo
Rochelle Hans	Marco Garza	Jessica Esslinger	Maria Garcia-Rios
Bonnie Cabeza	Nikki Young	Vanessa Woodworth	Julie Magadance
Symone Samson	Joan Lovin	Sara Patterson	Jodi Harris

Presenters:

- BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning
- Linda Cavazos, Assistant Director MAP, Curriculum & Instruction
- Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services
- Jennifer Gutierrez, Executive Director, Elementary Education
- Ravae Shaeffer, Executive Director, Secondary Education

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Jarrett called the DEIC to order at 4:30 pm. Unfortunately, Dr. Maika was unable to attend this meeting. He usually opens the first meeting and gives a welcome to all members.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Jarrett introduced himself, then welcomed all the Council members. He then asked all Council members introduced themselves individually. All staff members that were in attendance introduced themselves. All staff members are in attendance to answer any questions regarding the DIIP.

III. 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. Your voice matters. Reviewed the federal and state laws that govern

DEIC. Student achievement is most important. All policies are posted on the district website. A timeline was given for the subjects of future meetings.

IV. Naming of Chairperson

Mr. Jarrett addressed the committee about the roles of the chairperson. He then opened the floor for nominations for the 2022-2023 DEIC Chair. Diana Hartung nominated herself. No additional nominations were presented. Maria Garcia-Rios seconded the nomination. The committee voted unanimously to name Diana Hartung as the 2022-2023 DEIC Chair.

V. Review of May 11, 2022 Minutes

Minutes for the May 11, 2022 meeting were reviewed by the DEIC members present.

After minutes were reviewed, Ms. Hartung, in her new role as Chair, asked the committee if they have a motion for approval. Sarah Patterson motioned for the review and acceptance of the minutes. Abigail Borel seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously as presented.

VI. Data Review & District Instructional Improvement Plan (DIIP)

The Chair introduced BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning. Ms. Merriman presented data from the most current District Instructional Improvement Plan. The breakdown for scoring is based on student achievement, school progress and closing the gap. She went through each section and how they are scored. House Bill 3 and its alignment with the state's 60x30 TX goals were discussed. Our district scores at 89% and has many distinctions. After the presentation, the floor was open for questions.

Next Linda Cavazos, Assistant Director, Curriculum and Instruction of the MAP program was introduced to present a MAP Data Overview. Ms. Cavazos presented the district's growth from fall of 2021 to fall of 2022. We are not back to the level that we were pre-pandemic, but we are making gains. The floor was open for questions.

The Chair introduced Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services. Dr. Munoz discussed the draft DIIP that members were given and the breakdown of the document and the 8 Board goals. The Mission Statement "We challenge and encourage each student to achieve and demonstrate academic excellence, technical skills, and responsible citizenship" helps to explain the purpose of the DIIP. The DIIP is a living document that is constantly evolving.

VII. Work Session in small groups

Mr. Jarrett went straight into instructions for the work sessions and how they should use the DIIP. Each group was asked to submit feedback and offer suggestions for strategies to improve student outcome. Groups were given 25 minutes to work on the project. Categories are: 1. What parts caught your attention? 2. What good news is there to celebrate from the data? 3. What are some areas of concern from the data?

4. Are the goals aligned with improving Student data? 5. Last 5 minutes for documentation of any recommendations and celebrations we want to highlight this evening. Once the time was up Mr. Jarrett asked for a quick Round Robin to get a positive result that each group found in the data. He then asked each group for 1 concern or opportunity we should look at. All information gathered will be discussed at future DEIC meetings.

VIII. New Instructional Programs

The Chair introduced Ravae Shaeffer, Executive Director, Secondary Education and Jennifer Gutierrez, Elementary Education to review New Instructional Programs. A short overview was given on how the programs work and how they align with programs across the district. The levels of operation for a high reliability school were given and how it can be sustained. Professional Learning Communities (PLC) were explained.

Mr. Jarrett gave closing remarks.

Adjourn

Chairperson Hartung requested a motion to adjourn. Nikki Young gave the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Abigail Borel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Chairperson Sittton announced the next meeting would be November 9, 2022, 4:30pm in RAMEC 614.