

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
April 6, 2022**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 in Suite 614 of the Richard A. Middleton Education Center, 8961 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

The following DEIC members were present:

Meagan Watson	Abigail Borel	Mary Ramos	Chris Castro
Amy Kamata	Joan Lovin	Sara Patterson	Jennifer Lomas
Diane Hartung	Linda Comeaux	Beverly Lebherz	Jodi Harris
Rochelle Hans	Lisa Fairall		

NEISD executive staff member present:

- Anthony Jarrett, Chief Instructional Officer

Presenters:

- BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning
- Celeste Lafuente-Garza, Senior Director, Learning Support Services
- Jennifer Gutierrez, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction
- Anthony Jarrett, Chief Instructional Officer

I. Meeting Called to Order

Beverly Lebherz, new Chairperson, called the DEIC to order at 4:32 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the January 12, 2022, meeting was reviewed by the DEIC members present.

After minutes were reviewed, Mrs. Lebherz, Chair, asked the committee if they have a motion for approval. There was one correction of a duplicate name that needed to be removed. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Jennifer Lomas. The motion was seconded by Linda Comeaux. The minutes were accepted unanimously with the correction.

III. State Accountability Update

The Chairperson introduced, BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning. Ms. Merriman presented a PowerPoint on the State Accountability Update. She explained the STAAR redesign that will take place during the 2023 school year. The redesign will improve alignment to the classroom experience. All students will be testing online. She showed DEIC members examples of how the redesigned testing will be conducted. At the end of the presentation the floor was opened for questions.

IV. Summer Program Overview

Celeste Lafuente-Garza, Senior Director, Learning Support Services, presented a PowerPoint showing the upcoming Summer Programs for the district. She explained the different elementary, middle, and high school programs available. All DEIC members were given a handout that had all programs and dates listed. At the end of the presentation the floor was opened for questions and discussion.

V. Extended Year Update

The Chairperson introduced, Jennifer Gutierrez, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction who gave an update on the district's extended calendar. Mrs. Gutierrez gave updates on what the schools have done over the past year. One of the highlights of the program has been the partnering with the high schools. High school student come to the elementary campuses 1st period to work with the students on different activities. Some changes have been made to the calendar for the following school year that should benefit the students and teachers. The floor was opened for questions and discussion.

VI. Pending Early Release Plans

The Chair announced that Mr. Jarrett would be presenting on an Early Release Proposal. He showed a PowerPoint giving the benefits of early release and the dates they would happen. Elementary and middle schools will follow the same schedule of 1 early release date each month. High school will continue with their current schedule which has early release once a week. The end goal is to have all grade levels have early release once a week. Floor was opened for feedback and questions. Once the discussion was concluded Mr. Jarrett asked for a motion to approve. Chris Castro gave a motion for approval. Jennifer Lomas gave a second. The committee voted unanimously to approve and send the proposal to the Board of Trustees for a vote.

Adjourn

Chairperson Lebherz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was given by Joan Lovin. The motion was seconded by Chris Castro. The committee unanimously agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49pm.

DEIC members were reminded that the next meeting will take place Wednesday, May 11, 2022 in the RAMEC building in suite 614.