

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
January 13, 2021**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held via Zoom.

The following DEIC members were present:

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

NEISD executive staff members present:

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

Presenters:

- Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services
- Alex Vardell, Director, Performance and Planning
- Christi Wilbur, Executive Director, Pupil Personnel
- Tyler Shoemith, Senior Director, Student Leadership and Well-Being

I. Welcome

Mr. Anthony Jarrett opened the meeting providing the council with updates. He discussed how the District is continuously monitoring the COVID situation and making all the necessary adjustments to keep our students and staff safe. He recognized campus teachers and administrators for all their hard work in ensuring our students continue to receive quality instruction. He shared that the district is continuing with rapid testing, tracking, tracing, and reporting. Virtual School for next school year has not yet been decided but in the meantime, the district continues to research, evaluate, and prepare while we wait for state guidance. The district has also begun the initial process of a careful and deliberate design of schedules for the next school year.

Ida Nunez, Chairperson, officially called the DEIC to order at 4:34 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the November 11, 2020 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. Jennifer Lomas, and seconded by Ms. Robin Pryor to approve the November 11, 2020 Minutes. The motion carried and the November 11, 2020 Minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

III. Castle Hills and ACE Calendars

The Chair introduced Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services. Dr. Munoz reminded members that the calendars the council approved at the November meeting were officially approved and are now posted on the district website.

Dr. Munoz explained the 2021-2022 Castle Hills and ACE calendars options and detailed the required 180 days for the Castle Hills calendar, noting the campus intersession days, and the required 205 days for the ACE 2021-2022 calendar. Dr. Munoz opened the floor for questions.

Chairperson Nunez asked the council for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Castle Hills and ACE calendars. There was a motion by Ms. Jennifer Lomas, and seconded by Mr. Chris Castro to approve the 2021-2022 Castle Hills and ACE calendars. The motion carried and the calendars were unanimously accepted as presented.

IV. Texas Academic Performance Report

The Chair introduced Alex Vardell, Director, Performance and Planning. Mr. Vardell provided the annual presentation of the 2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), THECG Report on Higher Education, Misconduct Incident Report, and the District Preventions and Intervention Practices. The TAPR must be presented annually to the board of trustees.

Mr. Vardell began the presentation with the TAPR portion of the report by comparing the district and state rankings and detailing the trends within the demographics, enrollment, dual enrollment, attendance, graduation, and CCMR categories. STAAR data was not provided due to Governor Greg Abbott's State of Emergency Declaration which suspended reporting requirements.

Ms. Christi Wilbur, Executive Director, Pupil Personnel went over the Misconduct Incident Report portion of the presentation. Ms. Wilbur interpreted the trends and factors for the data collected within the report. To help interpret numbers, Ms. Wilbur reminded the council to keep in mind that the 2019-20 data was based on four 6-week cycles and the last 2-week cycles students were home due to the COVID pandemic.

Mr. Tyler Shoemith, Senior Director, Student Leadership and Well-Being provided a short summary and highlights of the Systems of Prevention & Intervention Programs portion of the presentation.

Annual Dropout Report

The Chair introduced Tyler Shoemith, Senior Director, Student Leadership and Well-Being. Mr. Shoemith gave an update on the Annual Dropout Rate. Mr. Shoemith shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the district graduation rates compared to the state over the past three years, he explained Leaver Codes, defined the dropout profile, and shared prevention strategies utilized by the district to identify, engage, and support the dropout risk student. Mr. Shoemith opened the floor for questions.

Adjourn

Chairperson Nunez announced the next meeting would be April 7, 2021, 4:30pm in RAMEC 614 or by Zoom.

Chairperson Nunez requested a motion to adjourn. There was a motion by Ms. Debbie Mollicone and seconded by Ms. Audra Frigon. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.