

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
October 4, 2023**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 in Room 614 of the Richard A. Middleton Education Center, 8961 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

The following DEIC members were present:

Rebecca Gentry	Symone Samson	Stephen Ynostrosa	Terri Sanchez
Selena Valdez	Richard Yoder	Sonia Moreno-Rogers	Karen Martinez
Amy Kamata	Elizabeth Gorski	Miya Hunter-Willis	Jacob Collazo
Melissa garcia	Robert Cater	Lucy Reyna	Ida Nunez
Bailee Thompson	Marco Garza	Helen Smith	Julie Magadance
Bonnie Cabeza	Joan Lovin	Ana Torres	

Presenters:

- Kellye Dear, Director, Federal Programs
- Brande Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning
- Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services
- Dr. April Muzquiz, 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. Mr. Jarrett introduced Dr. Maika, Superintendent, to give a welcome.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Maika welcomed the DEIC members and thanked them for their service. He discussed how their input helps to balance the District Score Card. Please help problem solve and speak your mind. Your feedback is very important to the district. Diversity of thought is needed.

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 2023-2024 DEIC Chair. Ida Nunez nominated herself. No additional nominations were presented. Ana Torres seconded the nomination. The committee voted unanimously to name Ida Nunez as the 2023-2024 DEIC Chair.

V. Family Engagement Policy and State Funding and Federal Assurance

The Chair called on Learning Support Services to present on Federal Programs and Calendar. Kellye Dear, Director, Federal Programs presented a PowerPoint about the federal funds and compensatory funds given to the district. She explained the two different funds and how they were used and who they could be used for. At the end of the presentation the floor was open to questions.

VI. Review of April 5, 2023 Minutes

Minutes for the April 5, 2023 meeting were reviewed by the DEIC members present. After minutes were reviewed, Ms. Nunez, in her new role as Chair, asked the committee if they have a motion for approval. Joan Lovin motioned for the review and acceptance of the minutes. Terre Sanchez seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously as presented.

VII. Calendar Development

Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services, presented suggestions and guidelines for the 2024-2025 school year. This is being introduced earlier this year in order to get more feedback and give everyone a voice. Surveys will be sent to stakeholders and campuses. Once complete they will be brought back to DEIC for input and suggestions. Dr. Munoz answered how they came up with the questions for the survey and what the calendars must contain.

VIII. 2023 Accountability Refresh & STAAR Redesign

The Chair introduced BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning. Ms. Merriman presented the redesign of the STAAR test and how it impacts our district. She showed how TEA would measure growth from 2022 and in 2023. Mr. Jarrett also gave comments on the scoring and what schools and groups would be most impacted by the changes.

IX. District Instructional Improvement Planning (DIIP)

Work Session in small groups

Mr. Jarrett went straight into instructions for the work sessions and how they should use the DIIP. He showed the different areas of the DIIP and how to read them. Each group was asked to submit feedback and offer suggestions for strategies to improve

student outcome. Executive Directors and Directors were available for questions during the work period. Groups were given 35 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 strategic, measurable, attainable, realistic, time bound?
5. Last 10 minutes to document any key conclusions.

Note cards with committee notes were collected. Members were told they could submit additional information if they thought of something after the meeting. Information collected will be reviewed at the next meeting.

X. New Instructional Programs

The Chair introduced Ravae Shaeffer, Executive Director, Secondary Education and April Muzquiz, Elementary Education to review New Instructional Programs. Gave a short overview of what the district Welcome Center is and what it has to offer.

Mr. Jarrett gave closing remarks.

Adjourn

Chairperson Nunez requested a motion to adjourn. Richard Yoder gave the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Marco Garza seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.