

Ennis Independent School District
District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DWC)

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017

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Members present included:

Molly Barlow, Chad Corbett, Beth Davis, Susie Evans, Kelsey Falls, Gail Gilstrap, Barbara Horner, Billy Keilers, Kim Salazar, Kristy Stephens, Lorien Stong, Judi Tabb, Tony Taylor, Talisha Wolfe, Lisa Zhanel, Suzanne Carl, Ashlie Graff and Sherri Payne

Non-voting members present included:

John Chapman, Lisa Fincher, Jason Gilstrap, Twilla Rex, Eric Pierce and Kathy Cikanek.

- I. The regular meeting of the District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DWC) was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on May 9, 2017 by Superintendent, Dr. John Chapman.
 - o The agenda for the meeting included:
 - Consider / Approve the April 11th DWC meeting minutes, Approve a Final 2017-2018 School Calendar, HB 5 Local Accountability, Federal Funds / Title Reporting, Summer Staff Development Opportunities, New Business, Adjourn.
- II. The first action of the DWC was to consider / approve the April 11, 2017 DWC meeting minutes-
 - o Motion was made by Billy Keilers, Alamo Education Center, seconded by Beth Davis, Houston Elementary, to approve the April 11th minutes. Motion passed 18 to 0 unanimously.
- III. Approve a final 2017-2018 school calendar-
 - o Mr. Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent of Human Services, presented the potential 2017-2018 school calendar. The DWC members voted on each month.
 - **August and September-** Motion passed 18 to 0 unanimously.
 - **October-** 17 members for 1 against. Motion stands for option D.
 - **November, December, January, February, March, April, May-** Motion passed 18 to 0 unanimously.
 - **Bad weather days-** DWC members voted to add 2, Make-up Professional Development/workday/student holiday, bad weather days on May 29th and May 30th. (These days are only for 187 day employees. In the event the 187 day employees miss work during the year due to weather related issues, facility issues which doesn't allow them to go to work during the

year) All Employees that work over 187 days must work on these days.
Motion passed 18 to 0 unanimously.

- The final 2017-2018 school calendar was approved by the DWC. Dr. Chapman explained that the Board of Trustees will consider / approve the recommended calendar later in the evening at the School Board meeting.

IV. HB 5 Local accountability-

- Per attachment, Mrs. Kathy Cikanek, Academic Services, discussed HB 5 local accountability referred to as CaSE-Community and Student Engagement.
- Mrs. Cikanek explained to the DWC members the statute requires each District to evaluate and designate a performance rating for the district based on the average campus ratings. Nine of the campuses ratings were recognized and one campus exemplary. The DWC unanimously rated the district recognized.

V. Federal funds / Title reporting and the District Improvement Plan-

- Per attachment, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum, Twilla Rex, discussed federal funds, title reporting and the District Improvement Plan (DIP) for 2017-2018 with the DWC members. There were no corrections or additions to the document.

VI. Summer staff development opportunities-

- Per attachment, Assistant Superintendent of TLC, Twilla Rex, discussed the different sessions for the T.L.C. Conference that will be held on May 31st and June 1st at Ennis High School.

VII. New Business-

- Superintendent, Dr. Chapman, discussed several items with the DWC members. Dr. Chapman let the members know about the new Academy and how it is being developed. He informed the members about the perfect attendance incentive plan that the Board will consider. He discussed the Ag facility project and multi-purpose indoor facility currently known as the Bardwell gyms. He discussed our Teacher salary and how it is competitive with neighboring districts.

VIII. Adjourn-

- Motion passed 18 to 0 unanimously to Adjourn.