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MISD District Educational Improvement Council
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2021

The District Educational Improvement Committee meeting was held on October 28, 2021 and called to order by Diane Martinez at 4:45pm. The meeting was held in person in room 101 of the District Service Center.

Diane Martinez addresses the group reviewing the purpose of today's meeting, which is to hear updates regarding the recently held intersession and to hear from Dr. Ramsey regarding development of next year's school calendar.

Ms. Martinez reminds the DEIC of their primary purpose which is to serve as an advisory group to the Superintendent and the School Board.

Introductions are held from LLI team members in attendance: Diane Martinez: Research, Evaluation & Innovation, Dr. Luz Martinez: Associate Superintendent of Learning, Leading and innovation, Jeff Horner Learning, Leading and Innovation, Dr. Angélica Ramsey: Superintendent.

Intercession Fall 2021:

Jeff Horner presented on the amount of students invited and those who attended.

6,400 students were invited to participate in intersession and about 5,000 students attended on a peak day.

Dr. Martinez shared about visiting campuses during intersession, she enjoyed visiting schools and was very pleased with what she observed. Students were engaged in learning and teachers were happy to be there. Those that did not teach were happy to rest. Everyone was happy and ready to get back to school after the short break.

Dr. Luz Martinez shared observations around themed learning experiences such as "Grit Camp." Small group interventions, station rotations, individualized and independent learning and computer assisted instruction was also observed.

Positive feedback from students, teachers and administrators was shared. Intersession focused on reading and math. It was shared with the committee that DiamondBack provided financial resources for PSAT, SAT, and ACT plus credit recovery and tutoring.

Dr. Luz Martinez shared that work has already started with principals to determine ways to improve based on feedback and maximize the experience for the February intersession.

Dr. Angélica Ramsey: Addressed the DEIC and thanked them for agreeing to be a part of this committee. Dr. Ramsey initiated conversations around the school calendar and things to consider as the DEIC. She shared that as the committee begin to consider drafting a calendar, Examples of things to think about are:



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- School start date?
- 180 days for students and 187 teacher work days
- Most important holidays to include?
- How best to incorporate Professional Development?
- School end date, school start dates?
- Consider giving intersession another year when we have more data?
- 6 weeks or 9 weeks?
- UIL events

Questions arose around House Bill 3, clarity was requested from DEIC members on why some districts had calendars that were less than 180 days. The reason is due to requirements outlined for districts who opt in for House Bill 3 ADSY funding. Additional HB3 requirements include 30 additional days used for remediation and a minimum of 75,600 instructional minutes.

The DEIC will work on calendar drafts in November and December. 2-3 drafts will then be shared with the public for feedback. Following feedback from the public a calendar will be proposed for board approval in January.

The DEIC determined to have a survey sent out to teachers and back to the District Service Center. Dr. Ramsey emphasized to the DEIC that they are in charge of developing the upcoming school year's academic calendar and the district will plan around what the DEIC chooses. The DEIC requested that some example calendars be shared with them.

Next meeting: Wednesday November 17 4:30-6:00pm in 101 additional meetings possibly will be needed in December.

Mrs. Diane Martinez came back on to answer any questions the committee had on the DIP process and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15.