

DEIC Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2015 – WGEC Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 P.M. by Mr. Don Sandell.

The following DEIC members were in attendance:

Annette Meier	Darlene Mills	Charles Dodson	Angela Abel
Paisley Ware	Donna Cole	Andrea Miller	Whitney Elisar
Julie Gauthier	Don Sandell	Dana LaRue	Amber Comeaux
Adam Anders	D. Sosa	Mike Spencer	

Administrators in attendance: Dr. Brenda Duhon, Dr. Mary Jane Moore, Tanya Davis, Staci Gary, Mandie Champagne, Jeff Kuchar

Old Business:

- No old business to report

New Business:

- 2015-2016 Calendar
 - Don Sandell expressed a wish that the proposed calendar had been shared among the campuses and CIC committees.
 - Mr. Sandell mentioned that one major difference between this year's calendar and next year's proposed calendar is the end of year date (next year, school would conclude before Memorial Day).
 - We are currently waiting to learn about Lamar's Spring Break dates; Mr. Mike Spencer will provide an update when that information becomes available.
 - The proposed 2015-2016 calendar is scheduled to be a February board meeting agenda item.
- Appraisal Pilot
 - Dr. Brenda Duhon shared the good news – implementation of the new appraisal system has been postponed for another year. This gives us another year to "practice" it. They are calling it a "refinement year" and are letting other school districts join for next year.
 - Our district must submit a Letter of Intent to TEA, which will be on the February board agenda.
 - There will also be a new implementation of SLO (Student Learning Objectives), and we have been asked to pilot this

program. SLOs are for subjects not assessed on state exams. At this time, it is up to campus principals to decide on participation.

■ August 2015 Staff Development

- The DEIC Committee had previously discussed the idea of limited Title I and Title II funds with both the step increase and the percentage increase this past year.
- We will have to choose between hosting a guest speaker or attending the Region 5 Conference.
 - The majority of principals prefer the idea of the one-day curriculum conference because it gives every teacher the opportunity to choose content that is specific to them.
- An idea has been explored to spend ½ day with Nederland ISD teachers for networking and sharing of ideas. Our elementary campuses are already committing to writing training and these teachers will need as much time as possible to plan and work together toward this goal, so for this year, we would be entertaining the idea for middle schools and high school.
 - Example: Algebra I teachers meeting together; U.S. History teachers, Texas history, etc.
 - Dr. Duhon asked the committee for feedback on this idea. DEIC members expressed interest and discussed how helpful networking can be for teachers. Dr. Duhon said she would pursue this idea and speak to NISD representatives.

■ Mr. Sandell asked for additional agenda items; there were none.

Mr. Sandell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 P.M.; the meeting was adjourned.

*The next DEIC meeting will be held at 3:30 P.M. on May 18, 2015 in the WGEC Board Room.

