

District Education Improvement Committee
January 23, 2012
Minutes

- I. Brenda Duhon introduced David Hicks from Region 5. Mr. Hicks provided training on site-based decision making committee's roles and responsibilities for DEIC members and CIC facilitators (DEIC Goal 2.2). He provided handouts on the PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint is also posted on the district website.
- II. Jan Davis called the meeting to order and asked to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mrs. Abel made a motion, and the committee approved the minutes.
- III. Brenda Duhon gave an overview of the upcoming February 20 staff development plan. Based on teacher input from the January 2 staff development, the agenda will include district vertical alignment for Grades 2-5. PreK – Grade 1 teachers will also meet and discuss their curriculum. Grades 6 -12 staff development will be campus-based. A schedule will be sent out as we get closer to that date. She also reported that the January 2 in-service was very successful. She also reported that the January 2 in-service was very successful, and that teacher evaluations indicated more vertical alignment opportunities are needed; especially at the beginning of next year.
- IV. Brenda Duhon discussed summer school. She noted that this year there will be no SSI requirement for grades 5 and 8; therefore, there may likely be a lower number of elementary students attending. It may become necessary to combine elementary grade levels to maximize cost effectiveness. Dr. Duhon explained that districts are required to provide ESL summer school if a minimum of 10 ESL students entering K and first grade are interested in attending. Last summer we had less than 10 students in attendance, and it was very expensive to run the program. It may be necessary to reevaluate the ESL summer program this year if less than 10 students will attend.
- V. Brenda Duhon provided everyone with a copy of the proposed calendar that will go before the Board for approval in February. She explained the committee's decision to increase the number of days in the spring semester. This increase is to help offset the increased number of state testing days in the spring semester for semester courses. She also noted that the PD indicator in August represents "Professional Day" and not necessarily "Professional Development". The "Professional Day" designated was made to provide district and campus flexibility in designating workdays and inservice days during August.
- VI. Jan Davis adjourned the meeting at 4:15. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2012.