

## **DEIC Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2014 - WGEC Board Room**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Dr. Mike Gonzales.

Members in Attendance: Julie Gauthier, Don Sandell, Annette Meier, Darlene Mills, Alex Wells, Charles Dodson, Angela Abel, Meredith Brawner, Paisley Ware, Donna Cole, Andrea Miller, Debby Addison, Whitney Elisar, Pat Briggs, Dana LaRue, Amber Comeaux, Irene Baize, Adam Anders, D.E. Sosa, Mike Spencer, Charity Cavazos.

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

New Business:

### ■ Election of Officers for 2014-2015

- Dr. Gonzales called for nominations for the facilitator of the DEIC. Julie Gauthier nominated Don Sandell, who accepted the position.
- Dr. Brenda Duhon called for nominations for the position of secretary of DEIC. Dana LaRue volunteered.

### ■ Set 2014-2015 Meeting Dates

- Meeting dates for the upcoming year were discussed. The proposed dates were November 17, 2014; January 19, 2015; and May 18, 2015. Don Sandell called for a vote. Everyone voted in favor of these dates, and the dates were approved. All meetings will be held at 3:30 P.M. in the WGEC Board Room.

### ■ City of Groves Update

- Mr. D.E. Sosa, city manager of Groves, provided the committee with an update on the city of Groves and its projected growth.
  - At this time, there are three subdivisions in development: Debby Lane, Hebert Lane, and Heritage Point.
  - In addition to the three subdivisions, there are plans for a gated community called Indian Springs. This community would

include common areas for residents, concrete streets, and a walking pathway. Approximately 144 homes are planned for the area; the development would undergo two phases.

- Mr. Sosa reported that the major selling point for the city is the Port Neches-Groves Independent School District. He said that people are excited to enroll their children in PNGISD, and that is what is driving home sales and development.
- This growth and development would mean an increase in the student population for PNGISD.

#### ■ 2015-2016 Calendar

- Dr. Duhon discussed the issue of “bad weather days” as they affect development of the district calendar. Coordinators previously met and discussed the issue and determined that our future calendar appears to offer more alternatives so the matter can be postponed until the November meeting, when it will be discussed by DEIC members.

#### ■ Staff Development

- Review of 2014-2015
  - Dr. Duhon reported on feedback for staff development of 2014-2015. She said she has already received feedback from various people throughout the district. The overall consensus for the Region 5 Conference was positive, with several people expressing opinions about the small size of Vidor High School and the limited lunch options. Dr. Duhon pointed out that the district is charged with providing staff development, which is mandatory, and many teachers are required to earn professional development credit hours. She asked if the DEIC recommended the Region 5 conference for next year, and no one was opposed. A couple of suggestions were made:
    - Label sessions as beginner, intermediate, or advanced
    - Move vendors to a more favorable location
- Dr. Duhon asked for suggestions for staff development for 2015-2016.

- A request was made to have work days before Meet the Teacher. Dr. Duhon explained that several other activities must be considered when planning staff development, and the request would be taken into consideration.
  - A question was raised regarding Meet the Teacher dates and times. In the past, the K-3 and 4-5 campuses have rotated; this will probably continue. Last year the DEIC voted to move the time to 4:30–5:30 P.M. Some current DEIC members expressed concern about the time. Dr. Duhon suggested moving the time to 4:45–5:45, but most committee members wanted to leave the time at 4:30–5:30.
  - Dr. Duhon asked for feedback regarding the half-day convocation; no one was opposed.
  - Dr. Duhon asked for suggestions for future motivational speakers. She mentioned Dave Burgess, Randy Anderson, and William Ferriter. She said that she will send us links to these presenters so that we can do some research.
- Mr. Sandell asked for additional agenda items; there were none.

Mr. Sandell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 P.M.

\*The next DEIC meeting will be held at 3:30 P.M. on November 17, 2014. in the WGEC Board Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana LaRue (9-9-14)