

Districtwide Education Improvement Committee Meeting

West Groves Education Center Board Room

May 15, 2017 3:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 PM by facilitator Crystal Werkheiser.

The following DEIC members were in attendance:

Annette Meier	Brandy Roy	Crystal Werkheiser	Martha Bullion
Victoria Angus	Donna Cole	Andrea Miller	Terri Runte
Mong Nguyen	Joe Cegielski	Paul Bryan	Kelaine Konidis
Irene Baize	Mike Spencer		

Administrators in Attendance: Dr. Brenda Duhon, Dr. Mike Gonzales, Sheri Drawhorn, Jon Deckert, Tanya Davis, Roxanne Ferguson, Jeff Kuchar, Mandie Champagne

Budget Update/Salaries/Raises-Sheri Drawhorn

Last year, expenses exceeded revenues by 3.5 million dollars, which was taken out of the Rainy Day fund. This year is expected to be the same. Budgets will be discussed in June in Board workshops. The current legislative session will be adjourned on May 29th, and the Governor will sign bills in June. There were no questions.

Community and Student Engagement and Accountability

Dr. Duhon explained that part of our A-F accountability rating is based on the Community and Student Engagement Survey. At both the district and campus level, the task is to identify 3 of the 8 CaSE components we wish to use for the accountability rating. Dr. Duhon had previously aggregated the data across the District, and recommended that, at District Level, we use the same three components as the majority of schools in the District. Terri Runte motioned to accept Dr. Duhon's recommendation, Brandy Roy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

DMAC Waiver

The District has the option to continue to use DMAC instead of a state-provided data aggregation/communication system, with an approved waiver. A motion to continue to use DMAC was made by Jeff Kuchar, and seconded by Andi Miller. Motion approved.

Title IV, Overview of ESSA

The estimated amount of funding through this program is \$30,000, to be spent in three areas:

Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities (Minimum 20%= \$6,000)

Roxanne Ferguson suggested that a good use of these funds would be to supplement fine arts performance offerings, such as Young Audiences (out of Houston), or activities coordinated with the Children's Museum of Beaumont.

Safe and Healthy Students (Minimum 20% = \$6,000)

Principals had previously expressed a need for additional counseling services for middle school students. Dr. Duhon asked for additional ideas. Andi Miller suggested that additional counseling would be a help at the elementary level as well.

Jon Deckert suggested that, at the HS level, the money could be used for a Senior level PE class.

Irene Baize suggested that she would like to see the AIM for Success Program initiated. Dr. Duhon recommended that suggestion for the Student Health Advisory Committee.

Effective Use of Technology (Minimum 20% but no more than 15% can be spent on equipment)

Dr. Duhon asked if the DEIC was in agreement with exploring items mentioned.

Crystal Werkheiser called for a motion. Kelaine Konidis so motioned, Lauren Angus seconded. Motion approved.

Comprehensive Needs Assessment/Problem Statement/Root Cause

Changes from NCLB

Changes from 8 Recommended Areas to 4 Multiple Measures of Data

New: Problem Statements and Root Causes

NCLB "Needs" are now broken down into Problem Statements and Root Causes.

Example:

Need: There needs to be uniformity in enrollment and residency throughout the district.

Problem Statement:

The District's lack of uniform guidelines and procedures have created issues where 25%-30% of student folders hold incorrect enrollment and/or residency critical information.

Root Cause:

Campuses have been responsible for managing their own student enrollment folders without established district processes, assistance, or oversight for accuracy and uniformity.

ESSA SMART Goal Development

The District must have a SMART goal related to STAAR percentages for student achievement for the ESSA Federal grant application.

Beginning SMART Goal related to All Subjects/All Grades from 2015-2016 TAPR report.

The SMART goal must have baseline data and one-year numerical target for 2018.

Ex: The percentage of All Students/All Tests who reach "Approaches Grade Level" will increase from 81% to 83% by May 2018.

Must have a three-to-five year numerical target based on the SMART goal.

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Brandy Roy raised a question as to repercussions should we not reach the stated goal. Dr. Duhon replied that as it was a stated goal, it might be possible to adjust and review as necessary. More research would be done and the results communicated to the committee if there was a need.

UPDATE: 6/1/17

After Dr. Duhon attended a training on federal requirements and the federal application, she brought a more conservative revised SMART goal to a vote via email to DEIC:

The percentage of All Students/All Tests who reach Approaches Grade Level" will increase from 81% to 82% by May 2018. Five year target goal is 84%.

The vote passed.

Google Survey:

The committee members were asked to complete a Google Survey.

Crystal Werkheiser adjourned the meeting at 4:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Meier

DEIC Secretary

May 31st, 2017