



District Educational Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 · 4:30 PM · via Zoom Conference

I. Welcome (5 minutes)

Dr. Ashley Stewart opened the meeting at 4:30 PM and quickly reviewed the District Scorecard, Strategic Plan, and announced that we would begin the Strategic Plan reevaluation process in the fall. The March meeting minutes were reviewed, and approved by those in attendance.

II. Purpose of DEIC (15 minutes)

Ms. Tami Charest reviewed the purpose of DEIC - to give our stakeholders a voice in what we are doing in Boerne ISD. We develop everything that we do each year based on a comprehensive needs assessment, develop goals and objectives that align with the four pillars at District and campus levels simultaneously. Everything we do aligns with four pillars and overall mission of the district. We are currently planning for next year in the budgeting cycle. In this meeting, we are reviewing Federal fund usage. These are supplementary funds on top of what we already provide with state and local funds. Any spending is justified according to the four pillars. There is a lot more Federal money in this year's budget due to COVID. Discussed Title I, Parts A and C; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part A; Individuals with Disabilities Education Grant; Perkins V; Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds II and III; and FEMA/TDEM funds usage. The presentation has additional information and can be found here.

III. Review of district-level information (15 minutes)

A. District Update/Looking Forward - *Dr. Tommy Price* was out due to a medical procedure, so Dr. Stewart announced our hope to have a mask-optional graduation with no limit on attendance. More information is forthcoming. There has been much success District-wide with sports, and that was briefly reviewed.

B. Interim Spring STAAR Results

1. *Ms. Larissa Flores* reviewed what was presented with the Board the previous night. Spring STAAR Interim tests were explained and reviewed. This test is adaptive, and the group of questions changes based on each individual student's answers. This provides an accurate view of where a student stands academically. Detailed information may be found here. All District goals are set at Meets level. In summary, we have cut our learning losses by 50% from the beginning of the year.

2. Additional learning opportunities will be offered during Summer School. In order to recruit top quality teachers, BISD increased the hourly pay for teachers to \$35/hour. BISD will offer Recovery and Enrichment programs for elementary and

secondary students. We are expecting about 250 students at the elementary level, and another at the secondary level.

- IV. Subcommittees met in breakout rooms for roughly 20 minutes. When they returned to the main room, the following reports were shared:
- A. Teaching and Learning, Technology
Ms. Larissa Flores, Ms. Kerri Sparkman, Ms. Lisa McLaughlin, Ms. Chelsea Madden, and Mr. Jason Essig, Ms. Patti Holub
Cory Bell recapped the Digital Learning Team's presentation. The team discussed how they have been implementing technology with students and staff, online learning opportunities for staff with Boerne U, and working on getting kids to understand tech is an aid that will help them throughout their education. Jason Essig shared that the team is grateful for a district that does put technology and innovation into the forefront.
 - B. Finance, Operations/Safety & Security
Mr. Wes Scott, Mr. Henry Acosta, Mr. Hector Hernandez
Courtney Wilson shared that Mr. Acosta discussed upgrades including air purification, the service that changes our filters to improve air quality. Officer Hernandez talked about funding received to improve security, install panic buttons and the emergency notification system, install bulletproof film on entryway windows. He also mentioned that alarms are all online. Mr. Scott talked about the ADA Hold Harmless decided in March regarding attendance and Robin Hood funding. In October, we expected we would have to send back \$3M, but new guidelines under Hold Harmless means we may end up sending closer to \$300,000, a tenth of what we expected to send - so long as our Average Daily Attendance in the last 6 weeks holds at 80% or more.
 - C. Human Resources, Communications/Partnerships
Dr. Elaine Howard, Mr. Bryan Benway, Ms. Yvette Reyna
Mr. Bryan Benway recapped the discussions and shared viewership numbers. For the month of March, we reached nearly 500,000 unique views. Newsletters reached 39,000 different views. Traditional media averaged 3.5 articles per publication. Ms. Yvette Reyna shared that she's been working to get additional perks for employees during the summer, and that she's already working on convocation. Dr. Howard shared information about the retirement dinner to be held in late May. 78% of all BISD staff members have received the COVID vaccine. Contract renewals are in progress. She also mentioned COVID protocols with regard to graduation, prom, and Summer School.
 - D. Whole Child, Extracurricular
Ms. Lesa Pritchard, Mr. Stan Leech, Mr. Ken Peach
Mr. Zach Beshea recapped how Ms. Seiter's SPED/504 group has been working on master scheduling on each campus. The parent committee is in Phase II discussing needs. Next phase brings students in to discuss their experiences. Lesa talked about master

scheduling, also, and how we are at the end of year two of our Great 8 skills. We are almost all the way through and will start again next fall! Discussed DESSA assessment that measures those Great 8 skills. 8 of 12 campuses received CREST (counseling) awards. Lots of great programs going on! Coach Leech and Mr. Peach were attending contest, so we did not have athletic or fine arts updates.

- V. Upcoming dates and topics (5 minutes)
 - A. End of Year Survey will be sent out to discuss format, meeting lengths, breakout sessions, etc.
 - B. Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, to discuss Virtual Learning Plan and other topics..
 - C. For those of you returning, see you this fall!