District of Innovation

District Advisory Committee

February 9, 2017

Meeting began at 3:00 pm

Present: Kevin Meyer, Brian Kroeger, Ashley Cranney, Rick Kershner, Monica Mizell, Carrie Beshears, Kevin Lynch, Tiffany Bailey, Johnathon Andrews, Dr. Tami Greggerson, Dr. Carolyn King, Tamara Abke, Sheila Hebert, and Dr. Jeff Burke.

Agenda:

* What is a District of Innovation?
  + All members were provided an overview through the Texas Education Agency link prior to the meeting .
  + Why this year? Legislative Session this year may remove this opportunity.
  + DOI provides a little more local control.
* Timeline
  + Reviewed the timeline.
* Consideration for exemptions
  + The Committee was broken up into 4 groups of 3 to 4 members to look at exemptions and other District's DOI plans.
    - Group #1 (Tami) - start date and certification exemptions were the exemptions this group brought forth. The group also liked the Forney ISD's plan for bilingual certification (Chapter 21, Subchapter A §21.003).
    - Group #2 (Rick) - The following exemptions were educator certification, first/last day of school, and local incentive plan through appraisals and incentives (Chapter 21, Subchapter H §21.352 - perhaps act on this in future years after analyzing this year's incentive plan data.)
    - Group #3 (Kevin) - This group reviewed Barbers Hill and Big Sandy's DOI plans. The exemptions that looked at were the educator certification, first/last day of school are the ones they would want to focus on. Some of the other exemptions were overwhelming and who would monitor the plan?
    - Group #4 (Jeff) - Minimum Attendance for Class Credit or Final Grade (Chapter 25, Subchapter C §25.092), District-level planning and decision-making and campus planning and site-based decision-making (Chapter 11, Subchapter F §11.252 and §11.252)
* Consensus was taken to proceed with developing a plan for the following exemptions:
  + Chapter 11 - School Districts
    - Subchapter F. District-Level and Site Base Decision-Making
      * §11.252 District-Level Planning and Decision-Making
      * §11.253 Campus Planning and Site-Based Decision-Making
  + Chapter 21 - Educators
    - Subchapter A - General Provisions
      * §21.003 Certification Required
    - Subchapter B - Certification of Educators
      * §21.051 Rules Regarding Field-Based Experience and Options for Field Experience and Internships
    - Subchapter H - Appraisals and Incentives
      * §21.352 Local Role
  + Chapter 25 - Admission, Transfer, and Attendance
    - Subchapter C - Operation of Schools and School Attendance
      * §25.0811 First Day of Instruction
      * §25.0812 Last Day of School
      * §25.092 Minimum Attendance for Class Credit or Final Grade
* What does the Splendora ISD DOI plan need to include?
  + District's comprehensive educational plan
  + Board goals, vision, and mission
  + Current law, exemption requested, rational and proposal
  + Action steps and timelines for each exemption
* Next Steps
  + The administration will take the exemptions considered and write a plan to present to the DAC/DEIC on February 15.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM