



District Improvement Team (DIT)

Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2013

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance: Craig Adams, Sandra Barbarella-Liu, Jennifer Blaine, Shikonya Cureton, Afonso Fernandez, Allison, Fowler, Jennifer Hefner, Sharon Hodges, Virginia Johnson, Danielle LaBorde, Allison Lee, Michelle Marcil, Austin May, Megan, McIntire, Delia Medrano. Angelique Moulton, Reesa Nevarez, Penne Irvin, karen Rodriguez, Lynn Schneider, Melinda Speight, Lindsay Taylor, Cira Trevino

Percent of DIT members in attendance: **49%**

CALL TO ORDER:

Jennifer Hefner opened the meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m., and welcomed all DIT members. As the last meeting of the year, all new members introduced themselves and outgoing members received certificates of appreciation for their service.

DISTRICT UPDATE:

Jennifer Blaine provided an update on the district and answered questions from DIT members, including:

- **Spring Branch Plan:**
 - The Leadership Pipeline** is a systematic approach to growing teachers as leaders in the district.
 - Teacher Excellence** is a prime focus from recruiting the best to training the best we want to support teachers the whole way through
 - Performance Management** the district is looking at other things than start tests to measure teacher/student performance
 - To and through College** the districts gauge of success is how well our students do when they go to college.
- **Budget:** We are in the second year of the Biennium, and the second year of our two-year budget plan, with \$27 million in reduced revenue from the state over the 2 year period. Looking ahead, year 3, or the first year of the next Biennium may be very challenging.
- **Legislative:** SBISD advocated for more flexibility in the current graduation plan. The current plan is a 4X4 plan but the district supported a 4X3X3X3 plan which offers more flexibility in the students 3rd and fourth year of high school and using career and technology courses to count toward math and science.
- **House Bill V:** The State passed House Bill V lowering the number of E.O.C. exams that have to be passed to graduate from 15 to 5 in the areas of Algebra 1, English 1 & 2, Biology and US History.
- **Share a Smile:** Melinda Speight gave an update on the Share a Smile program developed by the Customer Service Taskforce. It was decided that campuses and departments could

commit to the program by making community members feel welcomed. This would be measured by asking four questions. Did we welcome you? Did we hear you? Did we value you? and Did we help you? This program was piloted at 13 campuses/departments. The taskforce reviewed 11 completed programs out of 13.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 7 p.m.