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**South
Texas ISD**
RIO GRANDE VALLEY | GRADES 6-12

Educational Improvement Council (EIC) Minutes

Nilda Camarena – STPA | Annalisa Salinas – STPA | Kathleen Gavino – World Scholars | Hanani Vasquez – Medical Professions | Francisco Vasquez – Medical Professions | **Secretary:** Katherine Castaneda – Health Professions

Chair Person: Loryn Rodriguez – Health Professions | Enrique De Leon – Rising Scholars | Ricardo Benavidez – Rising Scholars

Magda Gonzalez – Science Academy | Alyssa Perez – Science Academy | Dulce Martinez – Virtual Academy

James Galvan – Virtual Academy | Maria Garza - Professional Representative | Wilmer Romero – Professional Non-Teaching

To be named – District Level Professional | Denise Garcia – RSA Parent | To be named - Health Professions Parent

Roy Gonzales – Community Member Ruben Ramirez – Community Member Selene Diaz – Business Member

To be named – Business Member

Meeting led by: Ms. Trevino

Meeting Notes for the month of: February 15th 2022

Time started: 5:29 pm

Welcome: Those members who are present are highlighted in yellow above, those not highlighted were no shows.

Minutes: We had three minutes to review the minutes from last month.

No revisions needed to be made for the minutes, Hannai Vasquez motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Nilda Camarena second to approve the minutes.

District of Innovation Renewal: Covered by Trevino

Last month we wrote the renewal plan, and the plan was online for 30 days, TEA will be emailed and informed we intend to renew the plan of innovation. It will come back to this committee and then lastly back to the board.

2020-2021 Federal Report Card: Covered by Trevino

Federal Report cards are available on the district website math ELA science social studies in all grade levels, the federal government measures math and ELA. They focus on the “meets” level. There is a threshold to demonstrate proficiency and it is not “approaches” the federal report card is graded based on the “meets and above STAAR scores” - this year they also included Science/Biology.

There are 5 exams that students need to be measured before graduation in math, ELA(2x) science, and social studies. The students have to take these exams and see their “college readiness” and see how they measure nationwide. Bio, English and Algebra are taken in middle school, so in high school our students only have Eng II, and social studies. The state decided to use the accelerated tested (8th graders taking advanced EOC test at Jr high level) They will be using the college entrance exams, ACT and SAT tests/exams. We are an SAT district, so every junior takes an SAT test, and we have all that data. All students take the test. SAT only measures math and ELA, not science. Some of the changes (possibly) include ACT tests because it includes science and the purpose is to capture data on Biology/science data.

Only 77% of students are taking a science exam because they took the biology tests at the middle school- all those students who took it at the Middle school and did not take it at the high school level they are not being accounted for at the federal level.

ACT/SAT 50% of students are participating in ACT and SAT test.

Lead4ward -> resources -> accountability -> new quick look future assessment revised 11.3.21

Counselors have been trained to track students' performance and accountability. Students have to complete the SAT and ACT to complete the exam. All the juniors and seniors will be taking the ACT this year so we can collect the data for Science. After this year we plan to just offer the ACT to the juniors. We will also have the students taking both test in the future, by their junior year.

Motion to move the meeting to March 8th, instead of March 1st. The Committee voted to keep the original date: we will meet again March 1st.

The next meeting will cover some of the professional development, teacher academy, summer school and summer camps that will be held this year.

We may have to hold students over the summer school who need HB4545 hours. The results of the benchmark/mock exams will determine the "need" for summer school placements.

James Galvan Motion to end meeting, Second to motion, by A. Salinas

Meeting adjourned; Time ended 6:02 pm

Note: (not part of the minutes)

Francisco Acevedo is requesting to get the calendar invite via email for our meetings.