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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 | Katherine Castaneda – Health Professions

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: Dr. N. Trevino on 12/5/22

Meeting Notes for the month of: December 2022

Time started: 5:07 pm

Topic one: Approval of Minutes

Attendees reviewed the minutes for November 1, 2022 (2 minutes).

Motion: Moved by Ana Villareal and seconded by Enrique De Leon to approve the minutes of the previous 11/1/2022 meeting. The motion carries.

Topic 2: 2022-2023 Calendar

Next year's calendar was presented by Dr. Trevino. Notification was received that the suggested calendars had been reviewed by the campuses, and recommendations

made. The following are the representatives from each campus. Open votes were done and the following were the votes.

Medical Professions Calendar B

RSA Calendar B then changed to A

Health Professions Calendar B then changed to A

Science Academy Calendar A

Virtual Calendar B

STPA (No representation) Principal Vote Calendar A

World Scholars Calendar A

Calendar “A” had a majority of votes.

Motion: Moved by Ricardo Benavidez and seconded the by Mr. Galvan to propose 2022-2023 Calendar A at the next School Board Meeting. The motion carries.

Topic 3: 2022 –2023 Course Offerings

Virtual and World Scholars course offerings presented by Dr. N. Trevino. If approve by the EIC Committee these will be proposed to the board tomorrow. World Scholars will have an Honors program therefore this campus will have the most changes. In the past they have done all IB. With the program changes, the district is courses reclassified the courses that are being offered. In the past there were no Honors classes at World Scholars there were pre-IB but now they are moving to Honors because of the UTRGV partnership. There will be an Honors Program for all Students. International Bachelorette for all students, however Year 1 and Year 2 will

still be called Honors because those freshman and sophomore courses are meant for all students. The changes will happen in Year 3 and Year 4. They will have a UTRGV pathways including business, computer science, STC Dual Enrollment Academies.

Under CTE pathways will include Law Enforcement & Legal Studies under the Law & Public Service strand, Graphic Design, Multimedia Art, & Digital Communications under the Arts Audio-Visual Technology & Communication strand, Business Management Marketing and Sales under Business, Marketing, & Finance strand, Culinary Arts under the Hospitality & Tourism strand, Programing & Software Development under the Science Engineering & Mathematics strand. All these course decisions were made at the campus level in collaboration with counselors, administrators, department heads, reviewed historical course requests, looked at the interest of students and looked at the partnerships that are already established and tried to be aligned CTE offerings with UTRGV offerings, so all students have a clear pathway from freshmen all the way through high school. Virtual Academy will continue to offer their 6th – 8th core program and will continue their high school core program. As they grow gradually, they will now add Juniors for 2023-2024 school Year. The district is looking for a fully online college course. UTRGV did not want the partnership. Now UTRGV is working on a partnership. A meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8th. The approval is pending. Mr. Galvan asked “If the partnership was to fall true how likely would it be for Virtual Academy to offer AP I level classes.” Dr. Trevino explained that they are looking at student enrollment and staffing. They do not know how many teachers they can sustain with the low student enrollment.” Mr. Galvan also asked, “What is the possibility of an existing upper classman teacher to teach virtually.” Dr. Trevino said “We do not know what strands will be covered. We must go through the course request, student enrollment, teacher: student ratio. Teachers at other campuses may be offered a position depending on their needs. That implicated teacher schedule matching with UTRGV schedule. But this is in the works depending on enrollment, teacher schedule, and needed preplanning, but we do have all those things in mind.” Virtual Academy will be offering Graphic Designs & Multimedia Arts, Business Management, & Marketing. All the CTE programs start in the 8th grade and work on creating partnerships to be created for their practicum level.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Galvan to approve the 2022-2023 Course Offerings and fir this item to be presented at next Board meeting seconded by Lacey Holocker. The motion carries.

Topic 4: Review & revise March EIC Meeting

There was a discussion about a conflict between SHAC Meeting, CTE Advisory Meeting with EIC Meeting on March 7th & 8th. Dates and options discussed by Dr. N. Trevino.

Motion: Moved by Hanani Vasquez to hold March 2023 EIC meeting on March 6th at 5:00 pm and seconded by Thomas Sanchez. The motion carries.

Conclude our agenda:

Enrique De Leon moved that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Katherine Castaneda. This was agreed upon at 5:39 pm.