

November Minutes

Welcome: Started at 5:04 pm

EIC Chair Rodriguez welcomed everyone and ensured everyone signed in and grabbed a red folder with EIC documents. Everyone in attendance received a folder with agenda, minutes and the upcoming dates for EIC meetings.

Minutes: Roy Gonzales motioned to approve the minutes from October 12th, 2021 meeting. Motioned to add Mr. Benavidez and Francisco Vasquez Medical Professions to ensure they are added to the minutes as attendees. Hannai Vasquez second to approve the minutes with the changes to ensure all members are represented.

Professional development for 2021-22:

Mr. Garza reviewed professional development calendar as an action item, curriculum and instruction team made changes for the calendar and upcoming professional development days. We are adjusting the days, not adding or removing.

11/19th: campus PD days are driven with a purpose; two work days allotted by the state, per year but STISD gives 3 work days for teachers. All teachers will complete the first one-hour GT certification course via modules, teachers have until May 26th 2022. Semester Exam schedule time frame for teachers to work on their modules. CORE Teachers are expected to work on these modules on their own during conference and early release days. The teachers will have the two hours (from 2-4pm) and if the teachers have the 30 hours, they can do the one hour as an "update" for compliance. 5 hours per month, for the next 6 months to complete this: December 2021 to May 2022.

Proposing a change to the curriculum calendar, where teachers have one full day of training and one full day of trainings in lieu of having two half days of development and two half days of work days.

January 3rd will be focused on Eduphoria to assist teachers with desegregating data from Eduphoria Aware.

The trainings on January 17th will be based on PBL and allow teachers to work in smaller groups by splitting the professional development into two different work sites, focused on the same trainings.

March 11th: looking at campus "needs" board noticed they need to support their teachers with AP testing and we have started looking into rocking review in the spring. We want some CTE and elective teachers to have a focused training on their curriculum; since Rocking Review (at individual campuses) is for core teachers/subjects so CTE and Electives will meet at the Mercedes Campus.

Professional development proposals will be brought to the EIC committee next meeting(s). We are hoping to invite CTE teachers to meet and begin writing curriculum for CTE and Elective courses.

GT trainings cannot be held during the summer time since we will have a different focus for curriculum and instruction needs.

Wilmer Romero motioned to approve the professional development changes; Nilda Camarena second the motion and changes were approved.

Student enrollment updates 2022-2023:

The recruitment event held recently was a success; we have 600 new students added to our district. We work hard to encourage people to attend our schools and now that we are opening up 6th grade, there are students who are already registering for SPTA (150) and RSA (72).

Draft academic calendar review:

75,000 instructional hours are required by the state of Texas but we have 77400 at STISD so we have flexibility with our calendar. The decision/vote will be next meeting. Principals will take the calendar to the campus and allow the teachers to provide feedback for their preference. The teachers should look at the two calendars side by side to decide their preference and the EIC committee will approve. Teachers have no choice; the school year will begin on 8/1 for all faculty and staff no matter which calendar is chosen. The Calendar A allots teachers to work one week more compared to Calendar B; while Calendar B. The legend of Calendar A is off; the changes will be reflected before shared with teachers.

Information will be placed on the STISD Website where EIC minutes and information is shared; the Board will send out an email with the revised calendar.

During the past two summers, there was no “summer school” and the board noticed there was no difference/no change. Summer academies for EIC will continue, and the advanced courses will also be offered, there will be no summer school so teachers will be pulled into engagement camps and accelerated programs. Our teachers will be working 187 days regardless of the calendar chosen. HB4545 are students who do not master the EOC or the STAAR tests. We will vote on the calendar during our next meeting: December, 2021.

EIC Meeting schedule; the next meeting will be held on December 7th, the first Tuesday of every month. January 11th, the first Tuesday we come back and prepare for the meeting. February 8th 2022 and March 1st, April 5th and the May 3rd dates all fall on the first Tuesday of the month.

Hannai Vasquez and Roy Gonzales Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:53 p.m.