

District Level Improvement Committee Meeting

Minutes November 4, 2021

- I. Welcome at 4:36pm by Dr. Joe Harrington, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Operations. He introduced new Committee Chairman Keri McCarty. The meeting was called to order by Keri. She told all that this was a combined meeting of the DLIC and the Calendar Committee. It was moved by Keri McCarty and seconded by Crystal Sadler to open the meeting. The vote passed.
- II. Keri asked all to review the minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting. It was moved by Keri McCarty and seconded by Andrea Marks-Garcia that the minutes be approved as distributed. The vote passed.
- III. Keri introduced Dr. Joe Harrington to give us updates on the District Innovation Plans. He summarized the plan items: class size exemptions, first day of instruction, teacher contracts, teacher certifications, campus behavior coordinator, district depository contracts, and light bulbs. Dr. Harrington also went over the process requirements and timeline.
- IV. Keri introduced Dr. Mary Morris, District Coordinator of Federal Programs. Dr. Morris went over the Esser III Plan updates. We currently have 74 positions filled, spending 80% of our funding. 20% of this is going toward interventions. Other areas covered are the Remote Conferencing Program, our Nurses, the CIS workers, our family engagement plans and technology. There will be an Esser Grant Survey in December. Questions were answered.
- V. Keri introduced Debra Harvey, Assistant Principal at the Buinger Center. Debra then introduced Stephen Walloch, the coordinator of the Buinger Esports Team, which was started in the fall of 2019. They currently have 64 students, a combination of both Bell and Trinity students. They participate at the Esport Stadium in Arlington, the largest in the United States. They include everyone interested and the students are building community and life skills. Everything at their competitions is recorded, primarily for dispute purposes, and there are College Recruiters that visit, sometimes offering scholarships. They currently partner with Cook Children's Hospital and Mark Cuban is a huge supporter. Steve introduced William Lucas, his Team Manager who is a junior at Bell High School. William went over items and then both answered questions.
- VI. Keri introduced Deanne Hullender, Chief Public Relations and Marketing Officer, and Holly Norgaard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and they went over the 2 calendar suggestions for the 2022/2023 calendar school year. A survey will go out 11/8 to parents and staff, the 2 calendars will be reported at the November School Board meeting, and the Board will vote and select at their 12/13 meeting. Much discussion went on regarding the two calendars. Both Dr. Harrington and Deanne will take comments from discussion back to the Calendar Committee.
- VII. There being no other business, Keri McCarty moved and Crystal Sadler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:56pm. The vote passed.

Submitted by Secretary Melody Davenport