



RCPS 21st CCLC Programs

Rockdale Bridges Program

THRIVE Afterschool Program



Advisory Council Meeting (Virtual Teams Meeting)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 29, 2024

4:30PM

Members in Attendance: Refer to Teams Attendance (attached)

Agenda: Welcome and Introductions

- Thank you 21st CCLC Partners
- Purpose of Advisory Council - Prismatic Services**
- Rockdale Bridges Program Updates**
 - Peek's Chapel Elementary
 - Memorial Middle
 - Salem High
- THRIVE Afterschool Program Updates**
 - J.H. House Elementary
- **Revisions & Recommendations - Prismatic Services**
- **Sustainability**
- **Ethics, Fraud, Waste Abuse and Noncompliance**
- **Q & A Session**
- **Remarks & Adjournment**

Comments:

The meeting convened at 4:30 pm Michelle Smith, Director, and Karleta Sigman, Senior Site Manager facilitated the meeting. Karleta Sigman introduced herself and welcomed all teacher, student and parent representatives from all sites. Ms. Sigman also explained that our stakeholders from J.H. House were hosting a Hispanic Heritage Night the same night. Michelle Smith introduced herself and welcomed all Rockdale County 21st CCLC Partners. Partners in attendance were Rockdale County Sheriff's Office, Rockdale Coalition, BOLD Ministries, Communities in Schools, and the FY25 evaluator. All members of the Advisory Council introduced themselves. Following introductions, the RCPS 21st CCLC evaluator explained the purpose and importance of the advisory council. Afterwards, each Site Coordinator was given the opportunity to tell us about the great things going on at their site. Each student representative was asked to share what they enjoyed the most about their site. The students' responses included hands-on activities, clubs, a sense of family and a place to feel safe while being productive and getting their work done. They requested that if changes were to be made to include additional activities, they would enjoy having a girls mentoring group, more sports, and more help with homework.

Following the students' suggestions, Michelle Smith gave a description of RCPS 21st CCLC Programs goals and objectives for the FY25-FY29 grant cycle. She also reviewed the Formative and Summative Reports and discussed the program's goal to increase student performance in reading and math through the use of engaging class activities throughout the 2024-2024 school-year. Mrs. Smith informed the parents and stakeholders that class adjustments would be made based on the students' performance on their quarterly report cards and content area benchmark tests, which are administered during their regular school day. Parents were informed that students with lower achievements had been identified and would receive additional support in their greatest areas of need during the Monday through Thursday After School Program. Parents were informed that additional revisions would be made once the Rockdale County Schools received their results from the STAR Assessment data and GA Milestone Assessment as well.

Based on recommendations from the Summative Report, Dr. Tatia Prieto and Karleta Sigman discussed the importance of consistency attendance. Attendance is detrimental to the success of our programs and we are here to support all stakeholders of our sites. In addition, Rockdale Bridges & THRIVE Afterschool Program will continue to work towards increasing the amount of communication that occurs between Rockdale County educational staff and 21st CCLC staff. This is to effectively align Rockdale Bridges teachers' instruction with the needs of the students, as designated by their homeroom teachers.

Tatia Prieto and Michelle Smith also discussed how several strategies have been implemented in our after school programs in response to additional recommendations in the Summative and Formative reports. During Mrs. Smith's overview of both the Summative and Formative reports, she informed stakeholders and parents about the direction that RCPS 21st CCLC would move towards recruiting more students for the program and recruiting more community members and partners who could lend their support to the program. It was emphasized that this was needed in order to support Rockdale Bridges and THRIVE's goal toward the sustainability plans.

Questionnaires were emailed to all parents, teachers, students, and partners in order to get feedback on the program's benefits and to give new ideas and needs for students and the community. There was a brief question and answer session. Topics discussed included the following:

- ❖ The desire to host parent events more frequently
- ❖ "ethics, fraud, waste, abuse, and noncompliance,"
- ❖ Service projects for students
 - Coat Drive and Perishable Food Drive
 - RCPS 21st CCLC office beautification projects
- ❖ **Winter Festival and Spring Fling.**
- ❖ Reading & Math nights for parents
- ❖ Milestone preparation resources & tips
- ❖ Career Day for After School that incorporates parents who could come in and talk with the students about their jobs
- ❖ Spring Field Trips

After the question-and-answer session, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.