

CEIC Minutes

2/18/2026

Start time 4:27 PM

Members in Attendance

Ryan Cavazos, Karina White, Dian Tuohy, Lily Price, Nevin Nichols, David Brake, Morgan Burnett, Christie Noonkester, Stephen Martell, and Chris Ford

- Next meeting we will look at our problem statements and carry over anything that will continue. We will also consider if anything is a “problem” statement, find the root causes, and find possible solutions. The next meeting may be a bit longer for this reason.
- Today we are looking at Priority 3 and Priority 4.
- Analyze student and family survey data. Climate surveys were collected and areas of concern were addressed for 2024-2025. We have not received data for 2025-2026. CEIC will analyze student and parent data when we receive it. The leadership team will look at staff data when we receive it.
- The committee agrees to carry this problem statement over to the following year.
- Involve CEIC in the process of determining the use of surplus funds for special projects or purchases. This item will be discussed at the May meeting.
- Distribute and spend campus funds with fidelity. Most campus funds are spent on curriculum needs. The campus budget is not large, but Mrs. Fryar is judicious on expenditures. We will not be frivolous with our funding. We have spent 34-40% of our budget at our last update. Last year we spent 25K on Cengage codes, but Navarro had already purchased them for this year. That was an EMAT purchase (not campus funds), but we are trying to avoid situations like that.
- If anyone wants to review the budget, we can certainly do that. CTE tells us how much money they will issue to us.
- As a school of choice, we have to sell ourselves and listen to our stakeholders. Mr. Nichols proposed that we use the word “lottery” in our social media as a way to gain traction with recruitment.
- We have 40 kids onboarded and about 130 touring tomorrow. Mr. Ford asked when we have a pretty good idea of our enrollment numbers for next year, Cavazos said we typically will know about late April or early May. Mr. Ford asked what our target number

enrollment is for each freshman class. Dr. Cavazos stated that we always aim for 125 kids.

- Mr. Nichols stated that if we lose traction with Waxahachie Creek, perhaps we can add students from out of district.

Concerns that we need to discuss as a committee:

- Tiki has started EOC bootcamps. Biology and Algebra are gearing up for those bootcamps. If anyone sees a kid who is supposed to be in Bootcamp, please usher them to the bootcamp.
- Cavazos and White will help with the ushering if they are not covering Rogers's advisory. Mr. Ford proposed that we give those seniors to a senior teacher with no advisory.
- We had a random dog search today. Dogs alerted (but it was all prescription or over the counter meds). Today was a routine search (not related to the event at WHS). We realized during the search that we do not have stickers on all cars. We need to work on cleaning up that process.
- Mr. Ford asked about selling parking spots. The district has frowned upon painting spots. Students could use chalk (is not permanent). A proposal was made to number the spots, and offer the "best" parking spots for a price.
- Cavazos would like to purchase placards for staff and students (instead of parking stickers). He also would like to clean up parking spots.
- Eduphoria browser (is more sensitive) if a student tries to use three finger swipe (Price recommends they use the touch screen), Eduphoria will force them to submit the test (as an update).
- Mr. Ford asked about bandwidth for spring benchmarks. We discussed that we had a hiccup during the field test, but we were able to resolve it fairly quickly.