

District Educational Improvement Council
Minute Record of May 17, 2017

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) met May 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Shoemaker Center auditorium. The following members were present: Vickie Baker, Lisa Bell, Pam Brisolara, Donna Cook, Lisa Cullison, Kim Elam, Barbara Ellis, Amy Frazier, Lance Gibbs, Brent Hagen, Tracy Hambrick, Teresa Jackson, Susan Jones, Jennifer Keller, Mark Mattingly, Charlotte Oates, Rick Owens, Jamie Polk, Laura Puccino, Gaye Lynn Reinke, Pamela Snavely, Tiffani Veal, Brenda Walker, and Cynthia Walker. The following members were absent: Brenda Hatch, Paul Henderson, Alyssa Henley, Michelle Kerrick, Carol McPhail, Christine Melby-Levinson, Tammy Phanson, Amy Roose, and Chris Sharkey.

Approval of April, 2017 minutes – A motion was made by Donna Cook and seconded by Brenda Walker to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Proposal – A Step Beyond the Tassel – The proposal was submitted by Kim Jones of MHS. Ms. Jones of MHS and Paula Bowen of EHS presented the proposal as a pilot program designed to increase the college and career readiness performance index on the three local high schools. The proposal also states the program would like to add a new addition to the high school graduation requirements.

Upon leaving high school students will be required to have one of the following:

- College acceptance letter (2 or 4 year college/university)
- Military acceptance letter/enlistment letter
- Acceptance at a job training program
- Acceptance into a trades apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship program
- Acceptance into a “gap year” program (Acceptance to Peace Corp or Job Corp program)
- Current job or job offer/acceptance letter
- Option form to opt out of K-14 program
- Legality with state law for graduation requirement

Mark Mattingly shared with the committee members the new state graduation requirements effective 2020. The requirements will be that each graduating senior has an academic plan which consists of a four year post-secondary plan. Mr. Mattingly also informed the committee members that MHS was selected by SDE to participate as a pilot school for implementing the new requirements.

After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Polk thanked Ms. Jones and the committee members for the discussion and suggested the agenda item be changed from a proposal to an informational item. She instructed Ms. Jones to seek information about the pilot program being implemented and become a part of the committee at MHS which is Ms. Jones’ home school. In addition, Dr. Polk asked Ms. Jones to keep Paula Bowen informed on the happenings of the pilot program.

Items for Discussion:

EHS In-House Alternative Program – James Hicks of EHS gave an update on the In-House Alternative Program – ROAR.

- Total number of current students – 55
- Regular Education graduates – 19 – These could have been drop-outs.
- Special Education graduates -13
- Attendance/Participation Rate – 100% - This is due to knocking on door and bringing students to school if needed.
- 32 students graduating spring 2017
- 17 Cameron University students observed 10 hours for CE credit.

- 69 home visits for modified student placement.
- As of April 2017, ROAR students have earned over 320 credit hours.
- All current students are at or above grade level. (example: 3rd year 9th grader is 11th grader)

Announcements

Dr. Polk informed the committee there has been a revision to the 2017 2018 school calendar. These revision moves the March 2 in-service day to March 16.

Dr. Polk acknowledged committee members who have completed their two-year term and informed the committee a notice of vacancies will be emailed to the district in August.

Jamie Polk,
Chairperson

Schyla Wright
Recording Secretary