



# BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)

### 2009-2010

April 19, 2010  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Board Room**

### **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

#### **Facilitators:**

Mary Jo Monfils, Interim Assistant Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction  
Sharon Moore, Administrator for Secondary Curriculum  
Bea Garcia, Administrator for Elementary Curriculum

- I. Welcome: Brett Springston, Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Springston welcomed everyone and reflected on how quickly time had elapsed since the first DEIC meeting was held. Mr. Springston acknowledged Vela Middle School, whose students earned the title of National Chess Champions and the Chess Teams from Hanna High School were congratulated as well. Mr. Springston discussed the training that the BISD School Board is receiving which focuses on "Theories of Action". He stated that every school district that has won a Broad Prize has a set curriculum in place because of student mobility. He emphasized that the District Improvement Plan is a fluctuating instrument, and that our district is always striving for improvement.
- II. Roll Call was taken by sign-in sheet with the following members not in attendance:

Emmanuel Benitez	Burns Elementary
Yolanda Wommack	Garza Elementary
Elizabeth Rojas	Paredes Elementary
Roni Rentfro	BECHS
Rosalinda Gorena	Lopez High School
Marisela Cortez	Hist. Brownsville Museum
Guadalupe Izaguirre	Brownsville Police Dept.
Veronica Cordova	Paredes Elementary (Parent)
- III. Recommend approval of minutes for March 22, 2010: Aida Mancias from Pena Elementary made the motion to approve. Griselda Rodriguez from Egly Elementary seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
- IV. President's Report: April Officers' Meeting held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010: Obed Leal, President referenced the agenda was in the folder for committee members to review.
- V. Overview of the School Improvement Grant Program – presentation by Mary Jo Monfils, Interim Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Monfils explained that monies formally given for AYP were no longer available. Twenty (20) campuses qualify under Tier 3 of the School Improvement Grant Program. Each of these campuses will have to write a grant to receive grant money. They will be competing with about 300 other school districts in Texas. Training for grant writing teams will take place at CAB on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Principals were instructed to bring as many staff members as needed. Mrs. Monfils stated that applications will be due to TEA on June 3, 2010. In addition, Mrs. Monfils encouraged everyone to perceive this as an exciting challenge. She explained that each Area Assistant Superintendent has been trained to work on these grants closely with the schools from their respective cluster.
- VI. Discussion of the procedure to follow in the development of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the District Improvement Plan. Mrs. Bea Garcia, Administrator for Elementary Curriculum, explained to the

DEIC members that she was currently working with the BISD Assessment, Research and Evaluation Department about this matter. More information on this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

VII. Announcements

- Next DEIC Meeting – Monday, May 17, 2010 at 8:00 AM in the BISD Board Room. Mrs. Sharon Moore, Administrator for Secondary Curriculum, reminded everyone to submit professional leave to Area Assistant Superintendents.
- The formal monitoring process for the DIP for the second semester will begin on April 19 and conclude on April 30<sup>th</sup>. This information will be reviewed with the committee on May 17<sup>th</sup> during the last scheduled DEIC meeting. In addition Mrs. Moore thanked Mrs. Bea Garcia for a job well done.

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Josie Villarreal from Putegnat Elementary and seconded by Aida Mancias from Pena Elementary and the committee unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.