

District of Innovation Committee Meeting #2
January 26, 2017
South San Antonio ISD Board Room

Minutes

Meeting Convened: 6:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7: 25 pm

District of Innovation (DOI) Committee- 17 members

Robert Blankenberg- Teacher, Zamora MS
James Guillen-SE teacher, South San HS
Lee Hernandez- Executive Principal, South San HS
Xochitl Martinez Lozano,-Early College Director, South San HS
Ben Davis-Spanish teacher, South San HS
Marisa Mendez-Principal, Kindred ES
Rosanna Mercado-Principal, Zamora MS
Cynthia Hernandez- Teacher, Palo Alto ES
Gloria Galvan-Teacher, Price ES
Yvonne Cardona-Teacher, Carrillo ES
Veronica Bacigalupo-Teacher, Athens ES
Christina Minter- Librarian, Athens ES
Bill Hernandez- Community member
Rudy Lopez-Community member
Katie Hellum- Teacher, Palo Alto ES
Aja Gardner- Director of STEM & Advanced Academics
Rosemary Segura, Community Member

Attendees:

Dr. Abe Saavedra, Superintendent of Schools
Scott Laleman, Director of Technology, SSAISD Admin
Tom Cummings-AFT Representative
Michael Balderrama-Chief of Staff, SSAISD Admin
Ruperto Becerra, Interim Chief Financial Officer, SSAISD Admin
Jesus Martinez, Executive Director of Business & Finance
Gilbert Cavazos- Truancy officer, South San HS
Jennifer Farell, Counselor Carrillo ES
Nikki Speer, Principal Armstrong ES

District Facilitators

Delinda Castro-Chief Academic Officer, SSAISD Admin

Lorraine De Leon-Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, SSAISD Admin

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Angelina Osteguín, Board President

Leticia Guerra, Board Vice President

Linda Longoria, Board Secretary

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1. Opening and Call to Action

Mrs. Osteguín called the meeting to order. Mrs. Castro proceeded with the Call to Action and review of the agenda.

2. Approve Minutes from last meeting

Mrs. Castro referred to the minutes for individual analysis.

Dr. Saavedra expressed his appreciation to the community for giving their time and effort to advancing the district forward.

3. Opportunity Culture Presentation

Mrs. Castro prefaced the need for master teachers to impact more students and extend their reach to model and support other teachers.

Mrs. Speer (principal of Armstrong ES) shared this grant opportunity and the potential affect it will have on student achievement.

Mrs. Speer detailed the framework of Opportunity Culture. The rationale for the grant is to support campuses to restructure current budget and staffing to develop structures for improved instruction. The Multi-Classroom Leaders, Expanded Impact Teachers and Reach Associates are models for exposing students to high quality instruction. At Armstrong ES, the need to improve early literacy, mathematics and science were identified as priorities. Possible staffing plans were shared with the DOI committee.

Questions

How are classroom numbers affected with the MCL model? Rudy Lopez, Parent

Answer: All classrooms will maintain the 22-1 ratio.

Where do bilingual students fall in the staffing model? Gloria Galvan, Teacher

Answer: Bilingual students will still be served in their native language in the primary grades and transition to English in the upper grades as defined by the bilingual program model.

4. Introduce DOI Committee Sub-groups

Dr. Gardner introduced the DOI committee sub-groups.

5. I-7 Process Steps 1-4

Dr. Gardner proceeded to guide the committee in following the I-7 Process.

6. Wrap Up/ Closing

Homework: Submit specific questions you have for the subject matter experts. Due Feb. 2, 2017