

DEIC Minutes
Monday, February 28, 2022
4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

Welcome: Dr. Linda Macias

Approve Minute for December 14, 2021: Dr. Linda Macias

The members reviewed the minutes from the December 14 meeting. The minutes were approved by 100% of the members as presented.

Character Education: Roy Garcia

Mr. Garcia explained that the presentation would focus on:

- What is character education?
 - The process by which humans learn to interact with society, usually through the teaching of core virtues such as trustworthiness, responsibility, caring, citizenship.
 - It can be a stand-alone curriculum, or it can be part of a larger school or district initiative.
 - It is more effective when integrated into the academic curriculum and other district and school initiatives.
- What are the legal requirements?
 - Texas Education Code 29.906
 - Board Policy EHAA (LEGAL)
- Why does character education matter?
 - Allows a school district to establish a set of universal character traits that everybody can understand – parents, students, and staff.
 - Complements the academic building blocks of learning by helping shape the character of students.
- How is the district addressing character education?
 - Formed a steering committee to guide the work.
 - Gathering input and feedback from stakeholders.
 - Informing the development of a framework and plan for implementing character education.
 - Recommending character education lessons and activities.

All DEIC members were given the opportunity to provide individual feedback on the process and TEKS integration as well as submit questions around the 4 core areas of: Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Caring, and Citizenship.

Waivers: Dr. Glenda Horner

Mrs. Torine Champion came to the committee to request permission to apply for a waiver (from the Texas Education Agency) to include 4 staff development days inside the instructional calendar instead of student instruction on those days. These days will help teachers improve their instructional strategies and ultimately student achievement. The four proposed days, already on the 2022-23 instructional

calendar, include November 7, 2022, November 8, 2022, January 2, 2023, and February 10, 2023. Unanimous agreement to submit the waiver was given by the DEIC. Now the waiver will be taken to the CFISD board of trustees for approval before being sent to the Texas Education Agency.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.