

DEIC Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2020
1:00 – 2:00 PM

Welcome – Dr. Linda Macias

Approve Minutes for April 7, 2020 – Dr. Linda Macias

The members reviewed the minutes from the April 7, 2020, meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

COVID-19 Instructional Continuity Update- Dr. Linda Macias

The following items were shared with the committee:

- Graduation: Dr. Deborah Stewart shared that CFISD will hold outdoor graduations at Cy-Fair FCU Stadium at the Berry Center the week of June 1-6, 2020. These will be held at the Berry Center. Each day there will be an 8 am graduation and an 8 pm graduation.
- Final Grading Guidelines: The final grading guidelines are currently up on the CFISD Learning at Home website. Elementary and Secondary principal committees worked along with the district staff to develop the grading guidelines. These guidelines have been shared with all the principals and teachers.
- Summer School: We are moving forward with summer school! Our elementary summer school programs will include Camp Summit, Camp Triumph, ESL/Bilingual program, and PK-5 Camp Elevate. Middle School and High school will have their standard programs along with enrichment programs. All summer school programs this year will be free. Currently, we do not have permission to hold face-to-face summer school instruction. Therefore, all instruction will be conducted online.
- Face-to-Face Instruction in August: Right now, we are planning to have face-to-face instruction in August. However, we do not have final guidelines on when students may return to face-to-face instruction. We have a district committee that is developing plans for continuity of instruction for students and operation of the district under multiple scenarios. At this time, we are not considering making significant changes to the 2020-21 instructional calendar and what you may be hearing on the news regarding school calendars is just suggestions/speculation.
- Schoology: We have purchased the Schoology program. All our curriculum will be housed in this program, and it also allows for teachers to provide live lessons to students. All teachers will be trained on the program this summer.
- Instructionally Unreachable Students: As of May 11, we had approximately 644 students that we have not been able to reach at all...absolutely no contact. This is less than 1% of our CFISD student population. The district continues to search out these students to ensure their instructional continuity.
- State Collection of PEIMS Crisis Code: The state is asking districts to report (for each student) who is engaged, unengaged, and who is uncontactable. The Instructional Continuity Monitoring form (kept on a weekly basis by teachers) should be used to determine the status of each student.

Missed School Days Waivers (Bane& Dean)- Dr. Linda Macias

Dr. Macias shared with the committee a request to submit a Missed School Days Waiver for Bane Elementary and Dean Middle School due to the January 4, 2020 explosion at the Watson Manufacturing Plant. Bane and Dean were forced to close on that day due to the explosion. The committee approved submitting the waiver.

Introduction of Federal Funds Presentation – Kathie Sanders

Kathie Sanders, Director of Federal Programs, introduced the presentation.

Title I, Part C: Carl D. Perkins/CTE – Denise Kubecka

Perkins funding totaled \$1.158 million. The Perkins grant supplements the career and technical education programs. The funds this year purchased additional technology, equipment aligned with industry standards, and supplemental instructional materials aligned with certification areas. The funds also support teacher training and conference participation.

Special Education – Lauri Barnes

IDEA funding totaled \$18.339 million. The funds support students with disabilities above and beyond the general program funding. CFISD currently serves 12,054 students ensuring a Free Appropriate Public Education to each. Qualifying areas for services (13 different categories) were identified. Payroll expenses total \$14.577 million. The remaining funds support additional instructional materials, staff development, capital outlay, and technology.

Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs – Kathie Sanders

Title I funding totaled \$23.292 million. The funds focuses on economically disadvantaged students. CFISD serves 49 elementary and middle schools. Schools served were at or above the 50% Free & Reduced levels. The intent is to increase academic achievement in reading, writing, math, and science. Districtwide initiatives include materials and supplies, coaches, staff development, homeless students' services, parent involvement, summer programs and the like.

Title II, Part A: Supporting Effective Instruction – Dr. Heather Bergman

Title II funding totaled \$2.965 million. The focus of the funds is for staff development that focuses on increasing students' achievement on state testing. The focus is to increase the quality of all principals and teachers. The money is spent on the four core content areas plus foreign language, new principal coaching, and salaries for curriculum coaches.

Title III, Part A: English Language Acquisition – Maria Trejo

Title III funding totaled \$3.167 million. The funds provide supplemental support for students who are learning the English language. The funds pay coaching salaries, additional instructional materials, ESL classes for parents, summer school initiatives, and staff development. They also support the New Arrival Centers.

Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment – Kathie Sanders

Title IV funding totaled \$1.781 million. The funds provide well-rounded education, safe and healthy students, and effective use of technology. The funds are used to provide College Academy at 10 schools, a College Academy Coordinator, a Personal Learning Recovery Specialist, STEM camp, ABL Spanish Lab, Robotics Program, and jazz and mariachi music programs. Four counselors, 2 psychologists, and 2 police officers support safe and healthy schools and students. A small amount supports effective use of technology.

Private, non-profit schools within the district boundaries may also participate in federal programs. This year we have 8 schools to participate. The amount per pupil is determined by a Texas Education Agency formula.

Kathie asked members to provide feedback using the Zoom chat feature regarding future use of these funds.

Dr. Macias thanked members for their participation this year!

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.