

DEIC Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2020
4:15 – 5:15 PM

Welcome – Dr. Linda Macias

Dr. Macias greeted the members to the first DEIC meeting of the 2020-2021 school year. She thanked them for their service and guidance. She encouraged members to ask questions through the Zoom chat. She shared the importance of their work. Dr. Macias noted yesterday was World Teacher Day.

Approve Minutes for May 14, 2020 – Dr. Linda Macias

The members reviewed the minutes from the May 14, 2020, meeting. The minutes were approved by 99% of the members as presented.

District-wide Educational Improvement Council Training – Lynette Bellamy, Lee Carrier

Members were asked to review the membership, roles, and responsibilities of the DEIC as described in school board policy BQA (Local). A Kahoot game was used to determine members' knowledge of these requirements.

2020-2021 Instructional Plan – Dr. Linda Macias, Teresa Hull

Mrs. Hull provided an update on the reopening of the district. Ms. Hull shared the enrollment is approximately 4,000 students below what was expected, with the most significant decline in the elementary grades. The window for parents to select a change in the instructional model for the second marking period closed this past weekend. Approximately 13,000 students will be moving to on-campus instruction for the second marking period.

At the October board meeting, the board will consider the purchase of additional desk shields. CFISD has partnered with Memorial Hermann who conducted an extensive review of the Lead Safely plan. Memorial Hermann identified three keys to a successful reopening and to keeping schools open: universal masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene. CFISD campuses will provide notification of COVID cases on campus and the district will report the cases to the Texas Education Agency. The information is also posted on the district website. CFISD is monitoring the spread of COVID at the county level (Texas Medical COVID Dashboard), in the zip codes in the CFISD attendance boundaries, and at the campus level.

Dr. Macias summarized the options available to parents for instruction: CFISD Connect and in-person learning. She shared the adoption of Schoology as our learning management system and that the platform was also adopted by the State of Texas. CFISD Connect students are expected to connect to live instruction as scheduled. CFISD Connect students follow the same curriculum, tests, grading guidelines, and attendance requirements. Dr. Macias shared the variety of resources and videos available to parents, students and teachers to support distance learning and working in Schoology.

Code of Conduct & COVID-19 Update – Dr. Ify Ogwumike

Dr. Ogwumike highlighted updates to the 2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct. CFISD Connect and in-person instructional arrangements are both addressed in the code of conduct. Student Services is working with assistant principals to work with students in a manner than allows the student to remain in class, when appropriate. Dr. Ogwumike reviewed the levels of infractions and noted where CFISD Connect has been added to the code of conduct.

CFISD LTE 1:1 Update – Paula Ross

Mrs. Ross provided a summary of the process in moving to a one-to-one district and providing hotspots for students. She shared the process was delayed due to situations beyond the control of CFISD. Mrs. Ross shared the process of collecting, preparing, and distributing devices. Approximately 52,000 devices are in the hands of students and approximately 9,000 hot spots have been checked out to students. Mrs. Ross also shared that phones have been distributed at 6 campuses. The schedule of the phone distribution has been adjusted due to COVID but all campuses will be receiving phones.

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM.