

DEIC (District-wide Educational Improvement Council)

Meeting Notes
January 19, 2012

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1. **Welcome back and Happy New Year** (Dr. Henry and Roy Garcia)
Dr. Henry welcomed back the DEIC committee members and asked them to send him their "favorite piece of advice" via e-mail. Roy Garcia asked us to share some of our New Year's resolutions.
2. **The minutes from the November 17, 2011, meeting were reviewed and approved.**
3. **2012-2013 CFISD Instructional Calendar** (Roy Garcia)
The 2012-2013 calendar is now available on the cfisd.net web site. The calendar committee discussed not being able to start first day of school until August 27. The calendar committee members also considered and approved ending the first semester before the winter holidays. This was an important decision especially for the secondary schools because of college credit, dual credit, college application dates, etc. This decision impacted the decision to not have the full week at Thanksgiving the next school year. The last day of the first semester will be December 21, 2012 for all schools. Elementary schools second grading period will end January 18, 2013. Please refer to the *2012-2013 Instructional Calendar Committee Parameters* if more clarification or explanation is needed.
4. **Highlights from the AEIS Report** (Roy Garcia)
Roy shared a few slides from the *AEIS Annual Report*. For more details, the entire slide presentation is available online.
4. **STAAR Update** (Linda Macias and Mary Jadloski)
 - The elementary STAAR tests will have new genres (poetry in 3rd grade and realistic fiction for 4th grade). The test will be more rigorous from finding the main idea to analyzing and making inferences to finding the main message. For paired selection questions, the shared passages are harder to compare and do not specify in which passage to find the answer whereas the TAKS test told the students which passage.
 - The secondary Algebra TAKS is very straightforward. The student will look at the graph and find which one matches a function and then connect functions to the graphs making it easier to eliminate. The STAAR test will not have the graph but will make the student process each answer choice. Then, it will ask which one is not correct. This requires much more than knowledge and application.
 - The Biology TAKS test is a simple matching of vocabulary. The definition is given and there are four one word answer choices. The same type problem with STAAR requires much more reading for each question, a complicated diagram and then, full sentences in the answer choices.

To find any presentations above in bold and more examples comparing the TAKS and STAAR tests, please go to www.cfisd.net; click on the *About CFISD*; select *District Committees*; select *DEIC*; select *Schedule of Meetings, Agendas, and Minutes*; then select the *DEIC meeting date*.

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