

District Advisory Council
Zoom Meeting
May 27, 2020
3:50 P.M.

Members Present:	Carrie Bohman Michael Lamb Heather Salverino Jena Williams	Miki Eddins Dustin Morgan Tosha Utt	Kevin Jenkins Marsha Nolen Michelle Wallace
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Members Absent:	Laura Badgett Lindsay McCoy Dr. Mario Villarino	Frances Charlton Kourtney McDonald	Toni Maddox Maricela Resendiz
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Others Present:	Jason Evans Josh Williams	Sherry McGraw	Marci Owens
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Josh Williams called the meeting to order. He welcomed those in attendance. He advised members that there will be one more meeting on June 29 to finalize the District of Innovation Plan that will be discussed today. Williams gave the floor to Superintendent Lamb to discuss possible changes to the 2020-2021 school calendar.

Lamb said that the Commissioner of Education has been recommending a longer school calendar. He said the District stated originally that it was not interested. Lamb decided it was possibly necessary to survey the community. After meeting with principals, it was decided not to lengthen the calendar at this time. Lamb said that some teacher workdays could be deemed workdays/make-up days and some holidays could be done the same way. If needed, make-up days could be extended into June. Another possibility is to lengthen the school day by 5-10 minutes, which would gain some additional minutes in the calendar to work with. Lamb said that days deemed as student days could be shortened by 6-8 days, as well. He noted that there will hopefully be more information in the next two weeks to help make these some of these decisions. He asked the members for their approval of having some flexibility with the current calendar, if needed. The committee agreed.

Williams told members that they should have received copies of the documents being reviewed today via email. He noted that these are things required in law but are also important because they are related to funding sources. The first item reviewed was the Parent/School Compact and Parent Involvement Policy. He said this was completed in the fall in Title I meetings and is posted on the district website. He asked for any suggestions for edits. There were none.

Williams next reviewed Special Program Evaluations. These include the Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, SCE, and RLIS programs. He showed members the Sulphur Springs Elementary campus Title I, Part A evaluation as an example. He asked for any questions. There were none.

The next item reviewed was the School Climate and Professional Development Surveys, including Distance Learning Program Surveys. He said we have learned several things from this process such as that brick and mortar learning will now forever be combined with distance/virtual learning. He said that teachers need a digital presence and more training for this type of learning. Williams said that relationships are key. He said that teachers have been able to reach more parents during this time than before. He said feedback from teachers has been valuable to students and that it needs to continue.

Williams discussed the Comprehensive Needs Assessment for 2020-2021. He asked for any questions. There were none.

Williams reviewed proposed changes to the current District of Innovation Plan. He said the district will submit the plan for renewal for another 5 years. He highlighted the changes on the copies that

members received. Several changes are in dates regarding the development and approval of the plan. The main change is to add and innovation regarding group health benefits for school employees. This would give the district the ability to allow other options for healthcare in addition to TRS Active Care that might benefit certain employees. He asked for any questions or comments. There were none. The committee agreed to changes to the plan. Williams said members will meet to approve the final plan on June 29.

Williams opened the floor for any announcements or comments. There were none. He asked members to email him with any questions or suggestions about things discussed today.

He thanked members again for attending and the meeting was adjourned.