

Ennis Independent School District  
District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DWC)  
Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2016  
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Members present included:

Molly Barlow, Ruby Casillas, Chad Corbett, Beth Davis, Susie Evans, Kelsey Falls, Barbara Horner, Billy Keilers, Kim Salazar, Kristy Stephens, Lorien Stong, Judi Tabb, Tony Taylor, Talisha Wolfe, Lisa Zhanel, Deanna Davis and Sherri Payne.

Non-voting members present included:

John Chapman, Lisa Fincher, Jason Gilstrap and Twilla Rex.

- I. The regular meeting of the District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DWC) was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on December 13, 2016 by Dr. John Chapman.
  - o The agenda for the meeting include:
    - Discuss COMP days, staff development days, teacher workdays (before school, semester, end of year) Thanksgiving, Christmas break, spring break (all week off) holidays (Labor Day / Good Friday / Memorial Day) Fair day (second Monday in October) early release days, Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) legislative priorities, discuss new business, adjourn.
- II. The first action of the DWC was to consider / approve the November 8<sup>th</sup> DWC meeting minutes-
  - o Motion was made by Billy Keilers, Alamo Education Center, seconded by Beth Davis, Houston Elementary to approve the November 8<sup>th</sup> minutes, Motion passed 17 to 0 unanimously.
- III. District of Innovation (DOI)-
  - o Per slideshow provided by Twilla Rex, assistant superintendent, District of Innovation was explained to the DWC members.
- IV. Developing the 2017-2018 School Calendar-
  - o Per attachment provided by Superintendent, Days Include:
    - COMP Days –
      - 4 members for, 13 against. We will not have COMP days for the 2017-2018 school year.
    - Staff Development Days –
      - 17 members for frontloading the staff development days.
    - Teacher Workdays-

- 15 members for, 2 against. We will have a teacher workday at the end of the fall semester and the end of the year.
- Thanksgiving
  - 17 members approved the entire week off.
- Christmas Break
  - 17 members approved a full two week off.
- Spring Break
  - 17 members for a full week off
- Holidays (Labor Day / Good Friday / Memorial Day)
  - 17 members approved Labor Day, Good Friday and Memorial Day as district holidays.
- Fair Day ( Second Monday in October)
  - 14 members vote to not have fair day, 3 for having fair day. We will not have a Fair Day on the second Monday of October (Columbus Day)
- Early Release Days (how many)
  - a. Fall Parent Conference-
    - 15 members for, 2 against. We will keep the fall early release day for parent conference. Date will be determined later.
    - Christmas – 15 members for, 2 against. We will have early release the day before the Christmas holidays.
    - Good Friday – 0 members for, 17 against. We will not have early release on the Thursday before Good Friday.
    - Spring Break – 0 members for 17 members against. We will not have an early release the day before spring break.
    - End of Year – 17 members for, 0 against. We will have an early release the last day of the school year.

V. Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

- Dr. Chapman explained that Mrs. Rex would hold a public hearing on January 10, 2017 and make a presentation to the Board at the January Board meeting.

VI. Legislative Priorities

- Dr, Chapman discuss the legislative priorities to the DWc and explained the resolution that the Board would consider during the December Board meeting.

VII. New Business Discussion-

- Dr. Chapman opened the meeting for questions and answers.

VIII. Adjourn-

- Motion was made by Chad Corbett, Central Office, seconded by Billy Keilers, Alamo Education Center. Motion passed 17 to 0 unanimously.