



Ennis Independent School District

District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DWC)
Meeting Minutes | Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Respectfully submitted by Jami Bonner

Members present:

Kelsey Falls, Katie Hobbs, Gail Gilstrap, Dana Satterwhite, Tara Harvey, Beth Davis, Kaylee Ensor, Talisha Wolfe, Judi Tabb, Amanda Pinckard, Tony Taylor, Logan Gaddy, Lindsey Barak, Sara Jakubik, Elisha Webb

Non-voting members present:

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

- I. Call to Order
 - o The regular meeting of the District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DWC) was called to order at 4:30 pm on November 14, 2017 by Dr. John Chapman. The agenda for the meeting, October 10th meeting minutes, district calendar, and calendar questions were disseminated.
- II. Consider / Approve the October 10th DWC Meeting Minutes
 - o Motion was made by Judi Tabb, seconded by Talisha Wolfe, to approve the October 10th DWC Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Developing the 2018-2019 School Calendar
 - o Mr. Gilstrap presented questions for the council to discuss and vote on.
 - The council voted 15 yay / 0 nay to front load professional development/workdays.
 - The council voted 15 yay / 0 nay for the first day of instruction to be in middle of the week.
 - The council voted 14 yay / 1 nay for Fair Day to be a holiday for both teachers and students.
 - The council voted 10 yay / 5 nay to have an early release day at the end of the first grading period.
 - The council voted 15 yay / 0 nay to have an early release day at the end of each semester.

- The council voted 15 yay / 0 nay to keep a full week for Thanksgiving break.
- The council voted 15 yay / 0 nay to end the semester prior to Winter Break.
- The council voted 13 yay / 2 nay to take the week of Christmas and the week after for Winter Break.
- The council voted 14 yay / 1 nay to have a holiday for teachers and students in February.
- The council voted 15 yay / 0 nay to have a professional development day the first day back from Winter Break.
- The council voted 11 yay / 4 nay to end school prior to Memorial Day.
- Other holidays
 1. The council voted 15 yay / 0 nay to keep Good Friday as a teacher and student holiday.
 2. 9 council members voted for MLK Day to be a professional development day. 6 council members voted for MLK Day to be a holiday for teachers and students.
 3. The council voted 15 yay / 0 nay to keep Veterans Day as a regular school day.
- Mr. Gilstrap asked the council "What are your top two priorities?"
 1. October & February holidays
 2. To complete the school year for teachers and students in May. (not necessarily prior to Memorial Day)
- Other calendar discussions included:
 1. Consideration of "Meet the Teacher" nights. Teachers are concerned that they do not have enough time to complete their rooms prior to "Meet the Teacher" nights.
 2. "Good Monday" – the council would like to consider a four day weekend. Good Friday – Good Monday.

IV. New Business – the council did not have any new business to discuss.

V. Adjourn

- Motion was made by Beth Davis, seconded by Judi Tabb to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.