

District of Innovation Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

BCISD Administration Building

- I. Mrs. Moya reviewed the District of Innovation power point that was presented to the school board on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017. She reviewed that the board appointed the District Leadership Team to pursue the DOI plan ONLY in the area of revising the calendar for 2017-18, specifically being innovative with the start date for students and building in flexible time for professional learning communities/ professional development for teachers.
- II. Mr. Fausett reviewed attendance requirements and reviewed TEC requirements for calendar development that cannot be flexible due to ADA funding. Mr. Fausett also provided handouts that would be helpful in drafting a sample calendar such as testing calendar and start/stop times for each campus – which will remain the same for 2017.
- III. Mrs. Moya provided each campus team with several sample calendars from other districts for 2017-18. Some examples were Districts of Innovation that have adjusted the start date for students prior to August 28th and some were not Districts of Innovations in which students will start school on August 28th. Several different options for building in professional development time were seen in these examples.
- IV. Teachers asked for clarification if the DOI plan could address other areas of flexibility as they have read in various articles on social media and TCTA publications. Mrs. Moya clarified that the only area of flexibility that the school board has appointed the District Leadership Team to address in the District of Innovation plan is flexible calendar. Mrs. Moya reviewed the steps of the process to clarify the checks and balances that have been built in and the process that has been designed to involve as many stakeholders as possible.
 - a. District Leadership Team will seek input regarding the calendar from campus stakeholders through surveys
 - b. District Leadership Team will meet again to share campus input re: calendar preferences, identify trends across all campuses, and rank trends/preferences
 - c. District Leadership Team will draft several calendar options and then choose 2-3 final drafts for stakeholder vote
 - d. Calendar will be posted on website for employee and community vote
 - e. Winning calendar will become District of Innovation calendar and will be posted for 30 days on website for further comment/input
 - f. After 30 days, Educational Improvement Council will hold a public hearing on calendar and will vote – must pass by majority
 - g. If EIC approves calendar by majority, it will be presented to school board at April meeting – must be approved by 2/3 majorityMrs. Moya assured teachers that although a DOI plan, if approved, is valid for 5 years, no other TEC regulation could be added to the District of Innovation plan during the 5 years

unless BOTH, the District Leadership Team AND the school board agree that additional areas of flexibility should be explored. The amended plan would then, again, be required to be posted for 30 days, presented at a public hearing, approved by majority vote by Educational Improvement Council and then again approved by 2/3 vote by the School Board.

- V. Campus teams brainstormed how they could elicit input from the teachers and staff members on their campus regarding their preferences for holidays, staff development, and student start date. Campus teams will present DOI power point during team meetings, department meetings, or faculty meetings and then will seek input via email or survey from teachers.
- VI. Mrs. Moya closed the meeting with a launch/quote from “Inspiration for Educators”

Next meeting: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:00 p.m.