

MINUTES OF ALLEN ISD LOCAL INNOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2016

In Attendance: Dr. Maroba Zoeller, Facilitator, Robin Bullock, Asst. Supt for School Leadership; Jennifer Wilhelm, Asst. Supt. for Learner Services; Ken Gregorski, Asst. Supt. for HR; Martha Bahnman, Mary Jane Barnes; Terri Cooper; Cheryl Drennan; Julie Garrett; Richard Jordan; David Noll; Mindye Piepenburg; Ashley Piper; Jim Waldauer; Julie DeLeon and Evan Ray

Dr. Zoeller called the meeting to order at 6:10 and thanked everyone for their participation and attendance at the meeting. She then explained that after the initial meeting she had presented an update to the Board on July 22nd, and sought their input and suggestions to the Committee's proposed exemptions and other elements to be included in the written plan. The Board had praised the Committee's work and had not submitted any revisions or changes.

Dr. Zoeller then began to review in detail the Draft of the Local Innovation Plan which resulted from collaboration with the Assistant Superintendents who had served as Group Leaders. They had incorporated suggestions and ideas that came from their groups and brought expertise from their areas of administration to further refine the plan and redefine the exemptions to be included.

As the Committee as a large group followed along as Dr. Zoeller reviewed the Draft, they had the opportunity to ask questions and request clarification regarding any aspect of the Plan. When Dr. Zoeller had led the group through the entire document, she asked for any questions. A member had noticed that two of the original proposed exemptions had been deleted from the list, and she requested an explanation of that action. Dr. Zoeller asked the Assistant Superintendents to address the question, explaining the reconsideration of 1) the 90% attendance statute and 2) the minimum minutes of instruction as areas of exemption that are not essential to our proposal at this time. Keeping in mind that the Local Innovation Plan can be amended at any time during the five year period, we had opted to not include them in the initial proposal. We had hoped the 90% attendance rule would meet the legislative priority of including off-campus instruction in the calculation of the weighted average daily attendance (ADA). However, that is not applicable in this exemption, nor is it in the minimum minutes statute. We had first indicated that we might need to adjust instructional minutes for the STEAM center, due to the students being in transport. However, since the STEAM is a satellite campus of the high school, it will operate under the high school minutes of instruction, so an exemption is not required for that. Until the exemptions apply to no loss of ADA funding, we will not include them in the Local Innovation Plan.

The groups were then given some time to work at their tables, providing them the opportunity to pose any questions or requests for clarification in a smaller group with more opportunity for discussion. At the end of those group discussions, Dr. Zoeller asked for an assurance that all members of the Committee were in concurrence with the Draft Plan and approved of moving forward to finalize it for approval of the District Improvement & Planning Committee at the joint meeting on September 13th. The Committee indicated their approval with a show of hands, and the meeting was concluded.

Dr. Zoeller thanked the Group Leaders and all members again and will send a reminder of the DIPC meeting, which is not a mandatory meeting, but all Local Innovation Committee members are invited to attend.