# **Meeting Minutes**

## State of the District – Dr. Randy Reid:

Dr.Reid, Superintendent of Schools, opened the meeting by providing the group an update on the School Finance Law Suit. It is back in court and the testimony portion is over. It was re-opened due to reinstatement of school money. We expect to receive a status report within a couple of months. A final outcome should come our way, this time next year. We are moving forward with House Bill 5 with graduation plans. Over the next couple of years, more courses will be added providing more opportunities to our students.

Dr. Reid also provided a brief bond election update: We are looking at a November timeframe. We are growing 300-500 kids every year. We will be in need a new elementary. We also need more space at Intermediate & Middle school. High school growth is really pushing limits. Timber Creek High School's new wing will bring in 2900 kiddos. We also have specific challenges at the Early Learning Center. The growth of our Pre-K kiddos will need to be addressed as well. A new Career and Technology Center will benefit our students and will serve all four of our High Schools. We will also be implementing a new Orchestra program. A facilities condition assessment was done. An outside company came in and walked and identified \$250 million dollars' worth of upgrades/updates to implement. We have two committees working on our Bond. One committee will be looking at our needs and the other committee will be working on the design and development on the Career & Technology Center. The two committees are working jointly.

Dr. Reid opened the floor to questions:

Q: Is there any consideration on where to locate the CTE center?

A: We own 100 acres over by the Hospital area near highway 35. A decision on where, will come by Bond Election.

Q: When is anticipated date of completion for CTE center?

A: The Fall of 2016 is when we would want the Center completed.

No other questions were asked.

### <u>Learning Update – Charles Carroll</u>

Mr. Charles Carroll, Chief Learning Officer, provided an update and explanation on all of the following 6 Waivers (See Attached):

- 1. Early Release
- 2. Foreign Exchange Student
- 3. Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing
- 4. Staff Development
- 5. Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System
- 6. Timeline for Accelerated Instruction

Mr. Carroll opened the floor to questions: None were asked.

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#### <u>Calendar Update – Dustin Blank:</u>

Mr. Dustin Blank, Executive Director of Leadership, went over the 2014-2015 school instructional calendar. We experienced 3 ice days and have to make up those days; therefore the calendar will be re-presented to the Board for approval due to the instructional time lost. He presented a power point explaining the development of the calendar and all its components (see attached). He encouraged the group to provide feedback in order to present to the Board.

Mr. Blank opened the floor for questions:

Q: With regard to snow days, were teachers made aware that they would have to make them up?

A: Yes. If there are lost instructional day, teachers are aware of how they will need to make the time up by their Principals.

Q: What was reasoning of teacher being off in August?

A: The district is blacked out.

Q: Can schools move their PD's to not be on "Meet the Teacher" night?

A: For K-6, A Teacher Prep Day was placed on the Wednesday before school starts, which was same night as Meet the Teacher Night, to support the Meet the Teacher night of the secondary levels.

Q: When will seniors receive their finals?

A: Seniors will get their finals a week ahead due to place holder with UTA.

No other questions were asked.

## **High School Bell Schedule-Dustin Blank:**

Mr. Blank went on to discuss the High School 8 period bell schedule (see attached).

Mr. Blank opened the floor to questions. None were asked.

#### **DEIC Election Process:**

Mr. Cecil McDaniel, Chief Administrative Officer, explained the upcoming election process. He provided them the timelines and further explained that during our April meeting, they will be provided with all nominee information and ballots in order to vote.

Mr. McDaniel opened the floor for questions. None were asked.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next DEIC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17 at Fossil Ridge High School

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