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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICTWIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

February 19, 2009

4:30 p.m.

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Room 619

The meeting was called to order. In attendance were: Mary Baker, Julie Bingol, Eric Brunson, Jana Carter, Pam Darling, Scott, DeSha, David Dretke, Susan Fox, Melissa Gavlick, Reagan Greer, Karen Katims, Toni Keith, Rosa Lopez, Alicia Million, Michael Pitts, Danny Rafajko, Christina Ritter, Patricia Stone, Christopher Thompson, Sandra Torres, and Jacqueline Walsh. The following were absent: Vicki Auth, Kathryn Hancock, Mandy Kaupert, Holly McCollum, Sybel Pici, Raul Quiroz, and Scott Rogers. Mr. Michael Lara, Executive Director for Research & Information Technologies, Bruce Schneider, Executive Director and Ann McNabb, Director for Pupil Personnel Services, David Caron, UNIX System Administrator, and Hubert Morris, Senior Director for Computer Service Center, Tom Johnson, Director for Educational Technology, and Becky Adams, Assistant Director Network Services joined the Council to address issues pertaining to their field of expertise. The following is a summary of the DEIC discussion.

Agenda Item #1, Welcome, (Mary Baker) Due to the late arrival by Ms. Baker because of an emergency on her campus, Jana Carter called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2, Is it Possible to have the Window for Putting Attendance in the Mainframe Extended? (Susan Fox, Madison) Bruce Schneider and Ann McNabb were called on to discuss this issue. They said they would research the concern and have since submitted the following information:

1. The time for submitting attendance for 2nd and 6th periods was set by the District for all High Schools.
2. The time is from 10:05 until 11:15 (the extra 15 minutes beyond the 2 hour period established by TEA is for the teacher to make corrections.)
3. The time has been this way all year long.
4. Each campus can set the times for entering attendance for the other periods of the day but not 2nd and 6th

Should teachers experience any difficulty, it is recommended that they immediately contact their campus attendance clerk to register the problem and in order to get an immediate solution. If the problem is beyond the clerk's ability, the clerk is to call Kelly Harper for further assistance.

Agenda Item # 3, The New Filters are Blocking too Many Websites and Limiting Student and Teacher Research (Alicia Million, Harris) Michael Lara, Tom Johnson, David Caron, Becky Adams, and Hubert Morris were present to explain the procedure for unblocking a restricted website. Mr. Morris said just this past October a new filtering system was installed Districtwide and most of the bugs have been worked out. Ms. Adams said if a teacher requests that a website be unblocked, the procedure listed below needs to be followed. The goal is to have a response back to the teacher within a week.

1. Go to the CSC website (<http://10.202.38.125/csc/>);
2. Click on the "Security" link at the top of the page;
3. Click on the link on the left side called "Request a site to be unblocked;"
4. Fill in all requested information, and then click "Submit Your Request" at the bottom of the page.

Agenda Item #4, The Ink on the Keys of the Texas Instruments TI-plus Calculators Used by Middle and High School Students is Wearing Off? Could the Calculators be Defective? (Susan Fox, Madison) Lori Murach said she has been in contact with a representative from Texas Instruments and they will replace the calculators that are affected with this problem free of charge. Texas Instrument said the shelf life for the calculators should be 7 to 9 years. Several batches of calculators that have arrived to the School Improvement department from Texas Instruments have been checked and all seemed to be in perfect condition. It was determined that it must have been an isolated incident.

Miscellaneous Items (Dr. Thomas) Dr. Thomas said she had recently attended the Texas School Alliance meeting in Austin and there was discussion that San Antonio will received funds under the Federal Stimulus Fund from the federal government. She said at the present time it was not known the amount of funds school districts could receive, but it could be a significant amount and at a time when State funds are so limited it will be very much welcomed.

Agenda Item # 5, Next Meeting Date, (Mary Baker) Ms. Carter said the next regularly scheduled DEIC meeting is March 19th to be held in Room 614 starting at 4:30 p.m.

Agenda Item # 6, Adjournment (Mary Baker) The meeting was adjourned at 5.29 p.m.