



DISTRICT PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

MEETING BEGAN AT 3:45 PM

AGENDA

- I. Welcome – Ms. Lalor
- II. DPAC Purpose – Ms. Moreaux
- III. Nominations for DPAC Chairperson – Committee
- IV. DIP (District Improvement Plan) – Committee
- V. AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) – Ms. Lalor
- VI. Goals – Committee
- VII. Parent Involvement Policy – Dr. Epps

MEMBERS PRESENT – CIM, GPE, GVE, JCE, MAC, NCE, SJW, WAES, COBB, CMS, GPHS, NS9, NSSH, ACE, ZOTZ
Business Member – Ms. Shalonda Dawkins
Community Members – Ms. Linda Sherrard, Ms. Aurora Hurtado, Pastor Nathan Hyman

MEMBERS ABSENT – CLE, HAV, NSE, PSE, PYB, SAM, TICE, GPMS, NSMS, WAMS, Parent Member

CALL TO ORDER: WELCOME – Ms. Elizabeth Lalor, Executive Director of Educational Support, welcomed members of the committee to the 1st DPAC Meeting of the year. She introduced the newest district committee member, Ms. Ella Moreaux, Executive Director of District School Improvement. Dr. Angi Williams, Superintendent of GPISD, also greeted everyone and thanked them for their service on the committee and to the district. Introductions were made then an overview of the agenda was conducted.

DPAC PURPOSE – Ms. Moreaux discussed DPAC Roles and Responsibilities. The “District-Level Planning and Decision-Making Team: Roles and Responsibilities” PowerPoint was shared with the group. The committee:

- ✦ Is composed of parents, community members, at least 1 business representative, and elected professional staff.
- ✦ Provides assistance to the district superintendent in the development, evaluation, and annual revision of the DIP.
- ✦ Provides input in the following six areas, in respect to improve student achievement: Planning, Budgeting, Curriculum, Staffing Patterns, Staff Development, School Organization.
- ✦ Must meet periodically with the board, or the board’s designee, to share their deliberations.
- ✦ Should share the information received with the campus and groups represented and provide ongoing communication with stakeholders.
- ✦ Work on the development of the District Academic Calendar.

NOMINATIONS FOR DPAC CHAIRPERSON – Ms. Lalor explained the role of the Chairperson’s duties and responsibilities. After nominations were made, the committee members voted. Mr. James Cline, from GPHS, was elected Chairperson for 2013-2014. Congratulations Mr. Cline!

DIP/AYP/GOALS – A copy of the District Improvement Plan was distributed and an overview was conducted. Ms. Lalor presented DIP Goals and asked the committee if there were any questions or concerns. Specific goals will be covered, in detail, at each future meeting. Additional information on the GPISD Accountability System highlighting the Tier System will be featured at next month’s meeting. Questions were addressed. An update on AYP and the waiver status was given.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY – Dr. Epps, Senior Director of Educational Support, issued the proposed Parent Involvement Policy (PIP) and explained the importance of this document. Ms. Lalor asked all members to review and approve. All members were in favor of approving the policy.

CLOSING – The calendar of meeting dates was reviewed. Major agenda items for this year’s DPAC include: Accountability Updates, developing the 2014-2015 Academic Calendar, revisions to the DIP, and other recommendations for overall district improvement. Additional questions were discussed. Ms. Lalor closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:00 PM
NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013