

Red Oak ISD District Advisory Committee Meeting

November 11, 2021

4:30 pm via Zoom

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Shondra Jones, with 26 members present, along with 2 additional guests, on the Zoom link. After a quick welcome the agenda began with updates from the superintendent.

Superintendent Sanford provided an update on Covid numbers, and how the number of cases is declining across the district. She also discussed the Citizen's Facility Planning Committee's tour of the district and the scope of the work they will be involved in. Mrs. Sanford also gave an update on the continued need for substitutes in the district, and the incentives provided for current paraprofessionals to sub in unfilled positions around the district. She reminded the committee about the intensive instruction that will take place January 4-7, for students who did not meet passing standards on the state tests in grades 4-12, per House Bill 4545 requirements.

Next, Susanna Campbell, Director of Elementary Curriculum, and Lynn Dockery, Director of Secondary Curriculum, briefed the committee on the professional development day and community service activities from November 8, 2021. They also discussed the resources that have been acquired for the HB 4545 intensive instruction for students who are required to attend.

Melissa Sulak, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, provided a 6-month update on use of the ESSR funds. We have implemented Care Solace as a resource to assist with SEL needs for students, staff, and families. An additional counselor has been added to the high school staff to assist with the growing needs there. We have also added a bilingual interventionist and bilingual instructional coach for the bilingual campuses, and math instructional coaches at each elementary campus. Saxon Phonics has also been purchased and implemented at the elementary campuses to assist in the area of balanced literacy.

Kevin Freels, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations, briefed the committee on the status of the reopening the campuses in the district on November 1, 2021 based on the current Covid numbers. He discussed how every campus and facility is utilizing the color-coded system approved by the district, and that every campus is currently on green. Mr. Freels also discussed how the CDC is predicting another spike in late December to early January. He noted that the district currently has a system in place for testing staff members who are showing symptoms or who may have been exposed.

Shondra Jones, Director of School and Family Services, gave an update on the upcoming November School Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

The floor was opened for questions and answers and there were none. The next meeting date is scheduled for February 10, 2022 at 4:30 pm via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.