

REIC Meeting Minutes February 17, 2016

A meeting of the Refugio Educational Improvement Council was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Refugio High School Library. The following members were present: Judy Klare, Marcia Bingham, Nathan Alex, Anna Garcia, Monica Carbajal, Olivia DeLeon, and David Torch. Absent: Britton Elliott, Lisa Jones, Pricilla Meza, Gerald Morgan, Christie O'Donnell, John Snyder, Melissa Snyder and Angel Trevino.

Also present: Jack Gaskins, Melissa Gonzales, Cedrick Cunningham, Chad Fox, Twyla Thomas, and Lisa Herring.

Mr. Gaskins called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Mr. Gaskins spoke with the committee regarding the end of year service awards. A suggestion was made that the five (5) year gift be of higher value in order to possibly help with employee retention. REIC members gave Cortney Hunkapillar the approval to search prices on items for service awards such as:

- Embroidered Blanket
- Fleece Blanket
- Stadium Seats
- Lawn Chair
- Yeti mug (engraved)
- Polo shirt/Jacket

Mr. Gaskins informed the REIC members that a copy of the TAPR report is available at each campus principal's office, superintendent's office, and on the Refugio website.

The committee worked on the creation of the 2016-17 school calendar as listed:

Development of the 2016-17 school calendar discussion:

- New Teacher Orientation – 8-8-16
- Teacher workday 8-19-16
- First Day of School – 8-22-16
- Finish 1st semester before Christmas break – 12-16-16
- Teacher Workday – 1-2-17
- Return to school for the beginning of the 2nd semester on January 4, 2017.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday 1-16-17
- Spring Break during the week of March 13-17, 2017
- Bad weather day – March 23, 2017 and March 24, 2017
- Good Friday holiday – April 14, 2017.
- Last instructional day – May 26, 2017.
- Graduation – Friday, May 26, 2017. (Early Release Date)

Staff Development days:

- SDC - August 9-11, 2016
- SD - August 15-18, 2016
- SD - October 10, 2016
- SD - January 3, 2017

- SD - February 20, 2017
- SD - May 31, 2017
- SD – June 1-2, 2017

Motion by Twyla Thomas, seconded by Marcia Bingham to approve the 2016-17 school year calendar. All voted for.

Mr. Gaskins informed the committee the six days Early Release Waiver will expire this year and we will need to file for the waiver again if still desired. These days may provide additional training in education methodologies and /or to provide time to meet the needs of student and local communities.

Motion by David Torch, seconded by Lisa Herring to file for the Waiver of Instructional Days for Professional Staff development. All voted for.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 P.M.