

**Critical Issues Leadership Conference
Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
Weslaco East High School
January 14, 2016**

I. Members Attending

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| 1. Ms. Ana Holland | Point Isabel ISD |
| 2. Dr. Dora Saucedo, | Brownsville ISD |
| 3. Ms. Lizette Longoria | Audie Murphy MS, PSJA ISD |
| 4. Dr. Raul Cantu | Weslaco East HS, Weslaco ISD |
| 5. Dr. Federico Guerra | Department of Organization and School Leadership, UTRGV |
| 6. Dr. Roberto Zamora | Department of Organization and School Leadership, UTRGV |

II. Drs. Roberto Zamora and Fred Guerra shared the purpose and goals of the conference. Dr. Cantu shared experiences from the Fall Conference.

III. Possible Critical Issues

1. Early College High Schools – Examples/Models

Implications for teacher and leader preparation programs and for district's staffing and capacity building practices.

2. Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems

Focus on expectations, support systems, and changing roles and responsibilities for principals.

3. Blended Learning School

Focus on importance of Integrating technology and teacher led instruction

4. School Turnaround: Best Practices

Focus on evidenced based practices essential for assisting teachers and school leaders address increasing learning standards.

5. Leadership Coaching

Focus on evidenced based practices to assist school leaders become effective coaches and mentors.

6. Maximizing and Managing Resources

Focus on evidenced based strategies for maximizing and managing resources available: time, money, and staff.

7. Instructional Leadership and Instructional Practices for Diverse Learners

Focus on effective evidenced based practices for addressing needs of diverse learners.

IV. Possible Theme

1. Building Systemic Leadership Capacity for 21st Century Schools
2. Building Culturally Responsive Leadership for 21st Century Schools
3. Building Systemic Leadership Capacity for Culturally Responsive Schools

V. Possible Format

1. Similar to first conference – invite school district teams that include the superintendent, district level leaders and school leaders
2. One day for school site visits and/or research presentations by faculty, doctoral students, (current / graduates) and/or school leaders.
3. 1 ½ days similar to first conference
4. Strands by focus areas and opportunities for Role/Position sessions
5. General Session(s) – Keynote Speakers
 - Superintendent(s)
 - National/International Speaker(s)

VI. Possible Sites – dependent on participants and time of year.

1. Edinburg - CESS Building
2. McAllen Convention Center or Hotel
3. Harlingen
4. Brownsville
5. South Padre Island

VII. Possible Marketing Strategies

1. Similar to last year – address issues experienced last year
2. Consider announcement via Association Publications
3. Region One Advisory Council – Superintendents

VIII. Possible Dates – stay away from major State and National Conferences that may be attended by Conference participants.