

Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting
Weslaco ISD
November 3, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting of the Leadership Advisory Committee was held on November 3, 2016 at Weslaco ISD Board Room. The meeting began at 9:30 am and was presided over by Dr. Velma Menchaca.

Attendees

Attendees: Dr. Alda Benavides, Dr. Filomena Leo, Dr. Sylvia Ibarra, Mike Reyes, Dr. Irma Castillo, Ana Holland, Anthony Limon, Dahlia Guzman, Lizette Longoria, Rashad Rana, Eduardo Moreno, Theresa Servellon, Rosalva Silva, Debbie Crane Aliseda Dr. Rick Lopez, Dr. Paula Garcia, Gonzalo Salazar, Dr. Daniel Trevino, Virginio Gonzalez, Robert Carreon, Eloy Castaneda, Dr. Velma Menchaca, Dr. Roberto Zamora, Dr. Fred Guerra, and Dr. Rosalinda Hernandez.

Agenda Items

1. Dr. Velma Menchaca, Chair, UTRGV and Dr. Filomena Leo, Interim Superintendent
 - Welcome
 - Introduction of Committee Members
 - Introduction of UTRGV Faculty
2. Dr. Rosalinda Hernandez – A discussion on the composition of the Leadership Advisory Council was discussed. Dr. Hernandez explained the need of a Council and the need to have a representation of different school districts and personnel in the districts.
3. Dr. Roberto Zamora and Dr. Fred Guerra-

2016 Critical Issues Conference

Dr. Zamora disseminated the Conference brochure and discussed the highlights of the conference. He also shared that conference participants visited school in PSJA, Mission, Valley View, and McAllen. Conference participants also hear presentations on how systemic changed transformed learning from Los Fresnos, Brownsville, Harlingen and Point Isabel. Dr. Lopez, Dr. Leo, Mr. Salazar, and Ms. Holland expressed their experiences, thoughts, and reflections on the conference, along with the topics discussed systemic changes. Suggestions were made to upload the videotaped sessions so others could view the conference sessions.

Dr. Hernandez asked how might the conference be moved to the next level. Dr. Lopez suggested that we reach out to the Commissioner to get the names of the Valley schools out and begin to partner with other districts who need assistance with ELLs or children of poverty. Dr. Zamora suggested we invite urban districts to our conference as Valley schools are leaders in these issues.

Dr. Guerra disseminated information on faculty research and expertise to members.

2017 Critical Issues Conference

A subcommittee was created to plan the 2017 Conference. Dr. Zamora will call a meeting in January 2017. It is comprised of: Ms. Holland, Ms. Guzman, Ms. Longoria, Dr. Garcia, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Moreno, Mr. Rana, Mr. Limon and Mr. Reyes.

4. Dr. Velma Menchaca

Update on Leadership Program- Information on the four department programs (master's, principal, superintendent and Doctoral program) was disseminated to members.

New Master's Program Requirements – Increase in GPA to 3.0 (if not met, applicant may appeal to an admission committee).

New Principal Program Requirements – Increase in GPA to 3.0 (if not met, applicant may appeal to an admission committee), Option for students who have already obtained a Master's Degree and would be interested in principal certification, & applicant must have 2 years of teaching experience.

Applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) if the GPA is below a 3.0. This is a UT System Policy.

Information on the College online Programs was also disseminated. The rigor of the online programs was discussed. Also discussed was that the online programs had the same rigor as the campus based programs.

Dr. Menchaca discussed the PSJA and Mission Partnerships and shared that a new Mid- Valley cohort would begin in January 2017. Plans are underway for Harlingen CISD to begin in summer 2017.

The next meeting will be in February 2017 and will be hosted by Mercedes ISD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.