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CLINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **District Site Based Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2018**

### **Members and Staff in attendance included:**

Claudia Aguilar, Andy Avalos, Nancy Brown, Laura Cade, Manuel Carrasco, Rene Chavez, Rod Chavez, Donna Cline, Barbara Contreras, Edna De La Fuente, Alexandra Falcon, Victor Gonzalez, James Littlejohn, Luis Luna, Anna Peden, Sofia Reyes, Nadia Tellez, Federico Jimenez.

- I. **Welcome-** James Littlejohn, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction
  - a. The meeting began at 4:30 p.m.- Mr. Littlejohn welcomed the committee

- II. **2018-2019 Calendar Options- James Littlejohn**

Mr. Littlejohn addressed the advantages of the District of Innovation. This allows Clint ISD to adjust the district's calendar and start dates in order to align with El Paso Community College for dual-credit classes. Also, the calendar allows us to balance out the school year, in order for both semesters to have an equal number of days. Furthermore, Mr. Littlejohn explained the difficulties students had retaining information during summer.

Also he mentioned benefits regarding to adopting a new calendar, were that lower income students have been shown to have better results with year round school calendars, This calendar is called a balanced calendar which means more frequent breaks during the school, a shorter summer, and intersessions. A study of Texas Elementary School showed that in 2012, schools on a balanced calendar

did better than students with a traditional calendar. He explained even though it may seem longer, it is the same number of minutes and days; they are just extended in a more balanced way that benefits our students.

- a. All the campuses voted, whereas the elementary schools were in favor, the secondary schools were mostly varied in their consensus.
- b. The committee went through all calendars, Calendar 1 and 2 are the same as last year, with a slight change in the holidays:
  - Calendar 1 was the same calendars, as this year, but with no split for Christmas break.
  - Calendar 2 was the same calendar currently used, with no split for Christmas break.
  - Calendar 3 is 187 days for teachers, and students had the same minutes. New teachers would begin in July. While, the first day of school will be July 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Littlejohn went through the calendar explaining the breaks. The second semester would begin January 7<sup>th</sup>, followed by the rest of the nine weeks of school; it would end June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- c. During October and March Intersession, teachers would have the opportunity to invite students to attend interventions. This will allow students to get the additional support students need to be successful. Additionally, teachers may utilize this time for clubs and organizations to practice. For example, GT, Destination Imagination, and Robotics to name a few.

### **III. Motion for Calendars Out to Vote**

- a. First motion was made by Claudia Aguilar
- b. Second by Dr. Luis Luna
- c. Motion was unanimous meeting ended at 5:40 p.m