



Waxahachie ISD

District Education Improvement Council

January 14, 2021 ---- 5:30 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions	Bonny Cain
Minutes from November 12 th Mtg	Bonny Cain
DIP Update	Lisa Mott
Calendar Status 2021-22	Lisa Mott
Teacher Incentive Allotment Update	Lisa Mott
Questions from CEIC's (See Attached Q & A)	Bonny Cain
Adjourn	

Future Meetings (5:30)

Feb 25

Mar 25

Apr 29

DEIC Questions/Responses from Recent CEIC Meetings

January 14, 2021

CAMPUS	REQUEST/ MEETING DATE	QUESTIONS/CONCERNS FOR DEIC
Felty	November 18 th	<p>1. Why can secondary campuses have events, but elementary cannot (refer to DEIC)?</p> <p>Dr. Phillip Morgan states initially that, for clarification and accuracy, all WISD campuses are currently operating under COVID-19 restriction protocols. Holistically the district has chosen to suspend all non-UIL sanctioned group gatherings, parties, celebratory events, including campus and district staff holiday gatherings until further notice. While elementary and secondary campuses are similar in many ways, our secondary campus programs are guided by collaborative decisions by the UIL DEC (District Executive Committee), which consists of multiple school districts that participate alongside our secondary athletic and fine arts programs/campuses. Elementary campuses operate locally in many regards, independent of other districts, with those events affecting only WISD campuses. Due to the various seasons of sanctioned activities in athletics, fine arts, CTE, etc., secondary simply has more sanctioned events taking place at the current time. With those allowable sanctioned events, secondary campuses in WISD have significantly limited their operations. WISD is allowing only limited participation in ticketing of spectators in those allowed events, restricting attendance (parents only) to those events, and have placed further COVID-19 restrictions, including elimination of any student groups (cheer, drill) for any indoor activities.</p> <p>Regarding allowance of events at the elementary level, campus principals have met in collaboration with district leadership and have requested suspension of all events out of an abundance of caution. As elementary campuses only have one sanctioned UIL event during the year (Academic A+ UIL Meet) which occurs in the Spring semester, that event is the only considerable topic that has been discussed and will be reviewed prior to that time.</p> <p>In summary, all WISD campuses are under COVID-19 restriction protocols, however, secondary campuses (in collaboration with other DEC participating districts in UIL 11-6A and 9-3A) have a significantly higher number of sanctioned, contest events taking place in the fall.</p> <p>2. How much longer will it be before Class Link will have QR Codes for K/1st grades so as to log in?</p> <p>These QR Codes went out the week before Thanksgiving.</p>

		<p>3. Right now only 4/5th wearing masks. Can we expand that for lower grades?</p> <p>Ms. Mott reports that WISD was adhering to the state mandate by Governor Abbott on June 3 that masks be worn in public places for anyone 10 years and older. While some school districts opted to require masks for all students PK-12, WISD followed guidance from TEA and allowed younger students in PK-3 the option of wearing masks. We have closely monitored not only the grade level of students who test positive for COVID-19, but also the number of students quarantined due to close contact as defined by TEA. Due to that monitoring, we have determined that all students PK-12 will be required to wear a mask.</p>
Simpson	December 8	<p>1. Would the district consider making masks mandatory for all grade levels since the numbers of positive cases are growing?</p> <p>Please see response above to Felty.</p> <p>2. Can the district provide "Quarantine numbers" as they do COVID positive numbers? Some think the district should be more transparent with the community about these numbers. Also they are affecting our attendance for students and staff.</p> <p>Mr. Auvenshine reports that the district is required to publish the number of individuals with confirmed cases of COVID-19 on each campus. The district has the discretion to also publish the number of those affected by forced quarantines. The number of students and staff quarantined is not indicative of any spread of the virus, rather, it is only indicative of instances where "close contacts" have been identified in situations where consistent and faithful mask wearing cannot be verified.</p> <p>Fortunately, because of our efforts to enforce mask wearing, classroom management, and student discipline, we have been able to keep our numbers of forcible quarantines relatively low. Additionally, and perhaps even more importantly, we have yet to experience an outbreak of confirmed COVID-19 cases among our student population on any campus within WISD, particularly including those students and staff who have had to be forcibly quarantined.</p> <p>As there is no ascertainable link between the number of individuals quarantined and the number of individuals with verifiable illness, we have not elected to publish the number of individuals impacted by forced quarantines.</p>