DEIC

October 17, 2012

Members of the Farwell ISD District Education Improvement Committee met at noon in the office of the Farwell ISD Superintendent at 705 6th Street, Farwell TX.

Brian Patterson called the meeting to order with 16 members present.

Discussions

1. State NCLB waiver to base accountability on a single state model.
2. Waivers for the 2012-2013 school year
* Staff Development Waiver to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance.
* Early Release Waiver allows the district to conduct school for less than 7 hours for a total of 6 instructional days to meet the needs of students and local communities.

Mark Barnes reported that the elementary has implemented the Grading Policy. They are using Saxon Phonics to help with reading. C-Scope is being used but the problem being the expense in using it.

The first round of Benchmark testing is over. Juniors and seniors are helping with tutoring the elementary students. Students are participating in CHAMPS to help with discipline, academics and accountability.

Brian Patterson reported that the high school is using the learning labs for the students who have failed the STAAR/EOC. The new 40 test/60 daily grading policy has been implemented.

Jimmie Mace reported that the jar. high attendance is 142. Did not meet AYP in math. Remediation has been assigned. A reading program has been implemented along with Study Island and Zingy Learning. Striving to help students on an individual basis. C-Scope is being used by the teachers to help with vertical alignment. District UIL with be hosted by Farwell on November 20th.

Farwell ISD is considered a Title 1 district because over 50% of our students are on Free and Reduced lunches. We are at 62%. Federal dollars are spent on at-risk students. The money is also tied to Highly Qualified teachers.

The DEIC goals

1. Work on goals and instructional programs
2. Teacher training
3. Departmental meetings to add support and team building for our teachers.

Farwell ISD has 584 students enrolled. We are paid on our enrollment. Our funds have been cut 13% this year by the state.

There are law suits filed against the state of Texas for equality of the public schools are funding.

The elementary expansion is expected to be finished by the beginning of the year.

The District Improvement Plan has objectives to align and implement goals. It addresses At Risk, economically disadvantaged, ethnic groups, and GT students.

To meet AYP, schools need to achieve 92% in reading and 93% in math.

Farwell schools need to go to more water-wise landscaping.

Ed Gannon made a motion to adjourn. Mark Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

Signed: \_\_\_\_(Mike Read)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attested: \_\_\_(Cindy Patterson)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_