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Texas Education Agency Information Task Force (ITF) Meeting Minutes September 27, 2016



10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 William B Travis Bldg.
 1701 N. Congress Ave.
 Austin, Texas 78701
GoToMeeting
 Hosted from
 Room PDC-9

Members Attending via GoToMeeting: *Nancy Dunnam, David McKamie, Dianne Borreson, Dara Fuller, Adrian Garcia, Dennis Telas, Keitha Ivey, Debbie Largent, Brenda Padalecki, Nancy Smith, Linda Roska, and Peggy Sullivan*

Alternates Attending via GoToMeeting: *Dana Braun (with Dianne Borreson), Robin Aldridge (for Yolanda Walker), Jennifer Carver (for Judi Sparks), Lois King (with Nancy Smith), Scott Lewis (for Janet Spurgin), Cathleen Freeman and Latonya Smith (for Pablo Martinez)*

Others Attending: *Melody Parrish (TEA ITS BMD), Terri Hanson (TEA ITS BMD), Leanne Simons (TEA ITS BMD), Bryce Templeton (TEA ITS BMD), John Reese (TEA ITS BMD), Melissa Lemons (TEA ITS BMD), Jeanine Helms (TEA ITS BMD), Glenn Shelton (TEA ITS BMD), Nina Taylor (TEA Research and Analysis), and Patricia O'Hara (TEA Performance Reporting)*

Call the Meeting to Order: Nancy Dunnam, ITF Chair

Approval of the September 13, 2016 ITF Meeting Minutes

Nancy Dunnam introduced the meeting minutes from the September 13, 2016 ITF meeting and asked the committee members for any comments or corrections. No changes were requested of the September 13, 2016 ITF Meeting Minutes.

Peggy Sullivan motioned to accept the September 13, 2016 ITF Meeting Minutes as presented. Brenda Padalecki seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Sunset Review for the Texas Student Data System Education Organization Interchange

Texas Education Code 42.006 specifies that the Commissioner of Education shall annually review the PEIMS data collections for continued authority to collect data. The review of the Education Organization data interchange starts the Sunset review process for the TSDS system data elements for the PEIMS and TSDS data collections. Bryce Templeton explained that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will review four to five interchanges a year and will present the findings of these data collection reviews to the ITF committee. Nancy Dunnam inquired if the ITF committee would review the ECDS and TSDS collections as well. Bryce Templeton confirmed this assertion.

Bryce Templeton went through each element in the Education Organization Interchange

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<p>justifying the necessity of each element. Once the process was complete, Nancy Dunnam opened the floor for discussion. See the Education Organization Interchange Sunset Review document for complete details.</p> <p>Nancy Dunnam began discussing the TOTAL-NUM-SCHOOL-BOARD-REQUESTS (E1556) and the TOTAL-COST-SCHOOL-BOARD-REQUESTS (E1557). She asked the TEA how the elements are used. Bryce Templeton stated that there is no stated purpose but the information is provided to requestors through public information requests that are submitted to TEA. Nancy asked if there was potential to eliminate these elements since they have no stated purpose. Bryce Templeton stated that the requirement for schools to report this information is still in statute and that TEA employees cannot lobby or advocate for these changes to the legislature; a school district could approach their legislative representatives to request these elements be removed from reporting. Nancy then asked if it would be possible to include a statement in the motion expressing the ITF committee's concern. Bryce stated that the ITF could add a concern in the motion regarding these data elements if that is what the ITF committee wanted to do.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding whether or not there was an issue with these two elements being collected via PEIMS. Dara Fuller and Peggy Sullivan agreed that, based on current usage, the necessity of data is not clear. Dianne Borreson stated that though some deem the data useless, for her district it serves a purpose for recording excessive requests that are then reported back to the board president.</p> <p>Nancy Dunnam crafted some verbiage which was discussed amongst the group. The ITF statement to the Policy Committee on Public Information would be as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The charge of the ITF committee is to review PEIMS data elements through the Sunset Review process for the necessity and efficiency. The ITF committee understands that TEC 11.1512 requires the collection of the TOTAL-NUM-SCHOOL-BOARD-REQUESTS (E1556) and the TOTAL-COST-SCHOOL-BOARD-REQUESTS (E1557). The ITF committee has not seen any usage or reporting of these elements at the state level and therefore the ITF committee requests that the data be collected and reported at the local level in an alternative method such as the LEAs displaying the data on their websites.</p> <p>Nancy Dunnam requested that the committee make a motion.</p> <p>Dianne Borreson made a motion to approve the Sunset Review of the Education Organization Interchange with the caveat that verbiage be included regarding the ITF committee's concern regarding the usage and collection of the TOTAL-NUM-SCHOOL-BOARD-REQUESTS (E1556) and the TOTAL-COST-SCHOOL-BOARD-REQUESTS (E1557). Dara Fuller seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>Extracurricular/Co-curricular Indicator Code for the 2017-2018 School Year</p> <p>Terri Hanson discussed the background of the Extracurricular/Co-curricular Indicator Code proposal. House Bill 2804 creates five domains for which the A-F accountability rating will be calculated beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. Domain four focuses on non-STAAR measures related to college and career readiness, such as Foundation High School Program (FHSP) instruction, military enlistment, and industry certification, all of which are currently being addressed separately. Additionally, domain four allows the Commissioner of Education to include any additional indicators of student achievement not related to performance on standardized assessments, as determined by the commissioner in consultation with educators, parents, business and industry representatives, and employers.</p> <p>Based on the provision in domain four for additional indicators, Commissioner Morath requested the collection of Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular student participation be explored. The TEA formed a work group with representatives from the following LEAs: Albany ISD, Austin ISD, Corpus Christi ISD, Dallas ISD, Hudson ISD, Life School</p>	<p>Discussion Item</p>

Charter, San Saba ISD, Sundown ISD, Texarkana ISD, and Texas City ISD. Executive Directors Gordon Taylor and Kyle Wargo assisted the TEA with facilitating the work sessions.

Terri Hanson explained the definition for the Extra-Co-Curricular-Indicator-Code and how it was derived from the Extra/Co-curricular Work Group.

“Extra-Co-Curricular-Indicator Code – indicates whether a student who was enrolled and in membership did or did not participate in a school sponsored activity that was facilitated by an LEA employee.”

Nancy Dunnam paused the proposal presentation in order to discuss the definition and the proposal in general. Nancy questioned how this data will be used in the accountability ratings. Terri Hanson stated that it is unknown how the data will be used in the Domain four ratings score, but that the work group came to the conclusion that this data would be a useful indicator and that the measurement of growth instead of a snapshot of annual participation was the most desirable option. In the first year (2017-2018), campuses will report all of their student participation to create a baseline and then in the following year (2018-2019) the growth will be captured. Patricia O’Hara, from Performance Reporting, added that this indicator is one of many included in Domain 4.

David McKamie asked why the indicator was being collected at the student level if TEA was only collecting a total. Terri Hanson responded that during the work group meetings this was discussed but ultimately, collecting it at the student level was more beneficial. Bryce Templeton included that the TEA has gravitated away from campus level collections of data and more towards student level collections of data in order to gather more accurate information. Patricia O’Hara added that collecting the indicator at the student level allows Performance Reporting to relate the information to demographics and how it pertains to performance.

Dennis Telas voiced concern over the proposed definition. Dennis stated that at Round Rock ISD, there are students who take Lacrosse, which is not UIL sponsored and is provided off-campus, for PE credit. The students are participating in an extra-curricular activity and are receiving credit but based on the definition, would not be flagged as participating since the teacher is not an LEA employee. Keitha Ivey also included an example where the Student Council hosts an event that is led by an LEA employee and all the students attend. Based on the definition, this would be considered a “school sponsored activity that was facilitated by an LEA employee”.

Nancy Dunnam asked the committee if any LEA currently collects this type of information. No one on the committee knew of any LEA that was currently collecting this type of data.

Due to this discussion, Terri Hanson appealed to the committee to assist with a better definition that would limit confusion.

Nancy Dunnam requested that the committee know how the data will be calculated and used in the accountability rating. Terri Hanson explained that the students who participated are part of the numerator while the students enrolled in a campus would make up the denominator.

Melody Parrish stated that the Commissioner believes that students involvement in extra/co-curricular activities improves student outcomes.

The committee then went back to the question as to what activities should be included as being in participation. Dianne Borreson stated that if you are looking at the correlation between extra-curricular activity and achievement then you must include all extra-curricular activity.

Bryce Templeton suggested a revised definition for the committee to vote on but they were not ready to vote yet. The revised definition was as follows: *“Extra-Co-Curricular-Indicator Code – indicates whether a student who was enrolled and in membership did or did not participate in a school sponsored/authorized activity that was facilitated by an LEA employee or other authorized person, and the activity occurred either outside of the*

<p><i>school day or the school classroom.”</i></p> <p>Nancy Dunnam asked if it would be possible to roll out the collection with high schools first and then potentially apply it to middle schools and elementary schools at a later date. Melody Parrish stated that elementary must be included. Bryce Templeton continued by stating that there is very little data to include at the elementary level in the accountability rating for Domain four so this addition would be helpful.</p> <p>The ITF committee continued to discuss the definition of the Extra-Co-Curricular-Indicator-Code to no definitive position.</p> <p>Nancy Dunnam stated that she was uncomfortable with the definitions proposed and the committee agreed. Bryce suggested that it is possible to have another meeting before PCPEI, which is scheduled for October 18, 2016. The committee agreed on October 6, 2016 at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Nancy concluded that this was not an action item at this time.</p> <p>Note: At a date after the conclusion of the ITF meeting, and based on the ITF discussions, the Commissioner of Education tabled the Extracurricular/Co-curricular item.</p>	
<p>Other Business</p> <p>Nancy asked if there was any other business to discuss.</p> <p>Dennis Telas asked when the 2017-2018 TEDS Preliminary would be available. Bryce Templeton responded that the Preliminary would be available on December 1, 2016.</p> <p>Nancy Dunnam asked to end the meeting. Dennis Telas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dianne Borreson seconded the motion.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 12:23 p.m.</p>	<p>Discussion Item</p>
<p>Upcoming ITF Meetings</p> <p>October 6, 2016 - cancelled</p> <p>November 15, 2016</p>	<p>Discussion Item</p>