

**Texas Council of International Studies (TCIS)
Board Meeting
April 21, 2022
Hyatt Riverfront Hotel
7:00 PM**

Presiding

Karen Phillips

Members Present

Ms. Karen Phillips
Mr. Walter Sorensen
Mr. Ted Williams

Members Absent

Dr. Dolph Briscoe
Dr. Bill Thomas

Legal Council

Janet Burbert

Staff Members Present

Ms. Margaret Davis, Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Courtney Gober, TCIS San Antonio Liaison

Others Present

Linda Buie, Secretary of the TCIS Board

Meeting Called to Order

- Board President, Karen Phillips, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and established a quorum. Phillips established the quorum with a roll call. Phillips introduced the Heads of School from the TCIS Schools.

Recognitions of TCIS Staff and Consultants

- Phillips recognized Dr. Courtney Gober, TCIS San Antonio Liaison
- Mr. Doyle Vogler, Director of Business Operations
- Ms. D'Les Gonzalez, San Antonio Director
- Ms. Leah Trainham, Coordinator
of Curriculum and Instruction
- Ms. Karen Rose, School Leadership
- Dr. Tambrey Ozuna, Grants and Special Projects
- Ms. Gina Vera, Marketing
- Ms. George Mayo, Web Design
- Ms. Christy Tiece, Longview Support
- Mr. Jacob Navarrette, Blogger
- Ms. Lindsay Bruehl, Bookkeeper
- Ms. Sharson Kotarski, Administrative Support

Introduction of Heads and Campus Personnel

- Mr. James Brewer, Longview High School
- Mr. Ralf Haldeman, Thomas Jefferson High School
- Ms. Irene Talamantes, Luther Burbank High School
- Dr. Carol Valazquez, Joel Harris Middle School
- Mr. Chris Trotter, Interim Foster Middle School
- Dr. Cassie McClung, Fenwick Academy
- Ms. Andrea Pitts, Woodlawn Academy
- Ms. Ida Nunez, Roy Cisneros Leadership School for Boys
- Ms. Melanie Pondant, Judson Steam Academy
- Ms. Monica Munoz, Las Palmas Leadership School for Girls
- Ms. Jennifer Emerson, Briscoe Elementary School
- Mrs. Julie Hope, Clarence Bailey Elementary School
- Ms. Linda Rios, Huppertz Elementary School
- Ms. Martha Martinez-Flores, Woodlawn Hills Elementary School
- Ms. Melanie Hamilton, Ned E. Williams STEAM Academy
- Mrs. Sue Wilson, Hudson PEP School

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No comments sent to the TCIS Board.

Action Items (Consent Agenda)

- Approval of the Action Item
 - approve school calendars
 - minutes
 - finance report
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- Mr. Ted Williams made the motion to approve the Action Items the school calendars for each district, and Mr. Walter Sorensen seconded the motion made by Williams to approve the Action Items.
 - Mr. Ted Williams made the motion to approve the Financial statement for TCIS and the minutes, and Mr. Walter Sorensen seconded the motion made by Williams to approve the Financial statement and the minutes.

Information and Discussion Items

Introduction of Sue Wilson and Karen Phillips

- Sue Wilson is retiring this year after 48 years of service to students
- Karen Phillips congratulated her and presented her with a beautiful plaque with a clock embedded.

- Mrs. Wilson thanked the Board and shared what an honor it was to work with students for 48 years.

School Reports

- **Hudson PEP Elementary, Sue Wilson, presenting**
- Mrs. Wilson reported on the school's journey after reading the Book, *A Long Walk to Water*, by Linda Sue Park
- Following reading the book, the students wanted to make a difference in the African community by raising money to build a water well.
- Mrs. Wilson showed a video of the villagers and how excited they were to have fresh water.
- All the TCIS schools have made a commitment to purchase solar tiles for the school.

- **Judson Steam Academy, Melanie Pondant presenting**
- Mrs. Pondant shared the IB walls that are displayed with IB units of inquiry throughout Judson.
- She shared a video showing students walking through the walls from the beginning of the unit until the final assessment.

- **Thomas Jefferson High School, Ralf Halderman presenting**
 - Head of School: Ralf Halderman
 - MYP Coordinator: Jennifer Love
 - DP Coordinator; Yareli Melendez
 - Year of MYP Authorization: 2020
 - Year of DP Authorization: 2018

- **Briscoe Elementary School, Jennifer Emerson presenting**
 - Head of School: Jennifer Emerson
 - Assistant Head of School: Pedro Coronado
 - PYP Coordinator: Carl Richter
 - Year of PYP Authorization: 2019
 - 96%--Economically Disadvantaged
 - 76%--At risk

- **Roy Cisneros Leadership School for Boys, Ida Nunez presenting**

- **Las Palmas Leadership School for Girls, Monica Munoz presenting**

TCIS Collaboration Across the TCIS Network (D'Les Gonzalez presenting) (see attached)

Benefits of IB and TCIS (Dr. Courtney Gober presenting) (see attached)

Information and Discussion Item

- Review of San Antonio Performance Standards (D'Les Gonzalez presenting)—See attached.

- Review of Edgewood Performance Standards (D'Les Gonzalez presenting)—See attached.
- Review of Longview Performance Standards (Margaret Davis and Linda Buie presenting)—See attached.

Action items

- Approval of the school calendars (see attached)

Closed Session

- The Board convened the open meeting for the closed session.
- The Board reconvened at 10:36 p.m.

Davis Contract Renewal

- Dr. Dolph Briscoe mad a motion that Margaret Davis's contract be **renewed** for another 24 months and Mr. Walter Sorensen seconded the motion that the Davis contract be renewed.
- Motion passed unanimously minus the two absent Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.



Linda Buie, TCIS Secretary