

District Educational Improvement Council  
Minute Record of September 28, 2016

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) met in regular session on September 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Shoemaker Center auditorium. The following members were present Vickie Baker, Lisa Bell, Pam Brisolaro, Donna Cook, Lisa Cullison, Amy Frazier, Megan Veldhuizen, Brent Hagen, Tracy Hambrick, Brenda Hatch, Alyssa Henley, Tony Hooper, Teresa Jackson, Jennifer Keller, Mark Mattingly, Carol McPhail, Christine Melby Levinson, Charlotte Oates, Rick Owens, Tammie Phanson, Jamie Polk, Laura Puccino, Gaye Lynn Reinke, Pamela Snavely, Brenda Walker, and Cynthia Walker. The following members were absent: Barbara Ellis, Paul Henderson, Susan Jones, Michelle Kerrick, Amy Roose, Chris Sharkey and Tiffani Veal.

**Welcome and Introductions** – Dr. Polk welcomed the committee and asked for an introduction of each member.

**Digital Storytelling and Publication** - George Bryan, TMS, presented the proposal to the committee. In this course students would learn safe and effective methods of publishing original works online, while also honing their skills in English composition and grammar. With a constant emphasis on Internet Safety, students would complete and publish projects including a weekly blog, examples of online journalism over a current event, literary review of prose or poetry, and a short story using Campbell's "Hero's Journey" model.

This course is geared towards 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have already completed the Computer Science class. The course is to empower students to create and publish writing that is important to them with the guidance of a teacher, and to teach students safe and appropriate ways to share their creations with the world.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Donna Cook and seconded by Christine Melby Levinson to approve. The motion was approved.

**African American History** – Paula Bowen, EHS, presented the proposal. This course is designed to develop an understanding of the causes, character, and consequences of the African American experience and its influence on the world, the United States, the African American community. This course will transcend the boundaries of race and culture that divide us, and it will become a lens into a story that serves to unite us.

The intended population is for students in grades 11 and 12 and will serve as ½ semester social studies elective.

After a discussion a motion was made by Mark Mattingly and seconded by Rick Owens to approve. The motion approved.

**Announcements & Adjournment** - The next meeting is October 26, 2016

Jamie Polk, Ph.D.  
Chairperson

Schyla Wright  
Recording Secretary