

PARTNERS IN COMMUNICATION

Summary Notes of the Meeting of the Tulooso-Midway ISD Board of Trustees
October 18, 2021

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- *The Leo Rodriguez Award was presented to Jaime Castillo, TMHS Class of 2018, for his intramural sports activities with TM students.*
- *The TMISD Way Out Warrior Award is presented to Candi Blair, TM Intermediate Assistant Principal, for safely stopping a running car and assisting a parent with a medical emergency in the drop off lane. Her quick action prevented others from being harmed.*

REPORTS

Campus Showcase: **TM Intermediate**

TM Intermediate students participated in the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags. Then Principal Christina Trevino began a presentation about her campus. This year's theme is "Your future is a rainbow of possibilities" as they target social and emotional needs. What I Need (WIN) Time is a 60-minute block built into the master schedule so that teachers can regularly personalize instruction, reinforce learning and/or have enrichment activities.

Students from the gifted-talented class presented hand drawn portraits to individual Board members and Interim Superintendent.

Intermediate is home to 830 students in grades 3, 4, and 5 and 80 staff members.

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

Assistant Superintendent for Leadership and Learning, John White, Ed.D. presented an overview of the District of Innovation, a concept established by the 84th Texas Legislature (2015) providing local school communities the opportunity to decide how they can best deliver the District's goals. DOI includes changes from mandated compliance to innovative possibilities. The District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) will determine which laws to exempt and which to leave in place. Please note that while there are no additional funds to become a District of Innovation, the flexibility with legal requirements may enhance school operations.

Here are some of the topics that may be reviewed:

- Teacher certification requirements.
- Probationary status for teachers new to the district.
- Student discipline provisions.
- Teacher and principal appraisal systems.

After a complete study and determination of the impact on TMISD, the innovations will be presented to the Board for their possible adoption. According to TEA, becoming a DOI will not change the year-round status established for many years in TMISD.

ACTION ITEMS The Board of Trustees took the following actions:

- Approved the Nueces County Appraisal District (NCAD) certification of the tax levy for tax year 2021 for \$38,481,630.
- Approved voting for Erasmo "Eddie" Martinez, a TM parent and Allstate Insurance agent, to represent TMISD during NCAD meetings.

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- Approved delegation of authority to the superintendent to sign agreement to TEA to purchase attendance credits as a property wealthy (Chapter 49) district, previously identified as the “Robin Hood” obligation.
- Approved freezing the contract with Cooperative Strategies. At some future date (possibly 2023), planning for a facility improvement bond may resume. The company consultants have already completed a facility assessment to determine current and future facility needs.
- Approved the membership of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). Their first meeting is October 21. They will have four meetings.
- Approved hiring teachers Rebecca Hammond and Candi Briseno for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Ms. Hammond is assigned to the Intermediate as a 5th grade teacher. Ms. Briseno is assigned to Primary as a 2nd grade teacher. Amanda Muegge, a Licensed Master Social Worker will be based at Primary. *Welcome to TM!*
- Accepted resignations from Joseph Melody, Intermediate teacher; Eunaie Mulvhill, 2nd grade teacher; and Lea Gomez, 5th grade teacher.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/21/21, 12/16/21, 2/17/22, and 4/28/22
- 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Safety and Security Committee
- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)
- 10/25 to 10/29/21 – Intercession!
- 11/1/21 – Staff Development Day on Technology/Student Holiday
- 11/1/21 at 7 p.m. Special Board Meeting – Training for Team of 8.
- 11/3 from 12 to 4 p.m. DEIC Meeting to discuss District of Innovation and Calendar for 2022-23.

- ❖ **Mission Statement:** Tuloso-Midway Independent School District educates every student to be a lifelong learner, a person of integrity, and a positive contributor to society.

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