

Curriculum & Instruction Board Report April 2019

E3

The 6th Eagle of Excellence occurred Monday, March 25 at Hillsboro High School. Participants experienced over 80 exhibit booths and 15 fine arts performances. Over 750 students participated in sharing their learning and almost 130 teachers organized exhibits and performances. Almost 1300 visitors were counted at the entrances. Kyle Bodeker's media classes are producing an E3 video that they shot the evening of the expo. The video will contain interviews with students about their learning.

District Design Team

The HISD District Design Team met on Monday, April 1 with Nancy Rindone to revisit the 3 district goals that were established through the Strategic Change Agenda last year. The group participated in some "thinking out of the box" activities, reflected on where we might be "path dependent" and completed a "framstorming" activity where thinking was broken down by specific questions. Work will continue throughout the spring and summer on identifying actions the district can take to help achieve the picture of success for the 3 goals.

Principal Academy

The final session of this year's HISD Principal Academy took place on Tuesday, April 2 with Nancy Rindone. This year's sessions included Central Office leadership, campus leadership, and instructional coaches. The participants met 4 times face-to-face. Principals also had 4 virtual meetings with Nancy Rindone.

ELAR Adoption

The ELAR adoption committee met for the final time on Wednesday, March 27th and it was a unanimous decision that Houghton Mifflin Materials would best meet the needs of our students and teachers. The curriculum resources are fully aligned to the TEKS and ELPS and focuses on an integrated approach to literacy instruction. A BIG thank you to those serving on the committee. They have given many hours to reviewing the materials, attending presentations and committee meetings.

State Testing

Testing season is here! Campuses have been testing TELPAS the past few weeks and have just finished up. TELPAS is the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System used to assess the progress that limited English proficient (LEP) students make in learning the English language. The first round of STAAR testing with 4th & 7th writing, 5th & 8th reading, and Eng 1 & Eng 2 will take place on April 9,10,11. The second round is set to begin May 6-10 for high school and May 13-17 for grades 3-8.

SHAC

The School Health Advisory Council met on April 1st and have started planning for our 5th annual "Good to Go" back to school event. It will be held this year on August 3rd in the Junior High gym. The council has some new ideas on how to make the back to school event even better this year, such as having a speakers talk about issues facing students and parents such a vaping, human trafficking, and suicide awareness.

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