UTPB STEM Academy
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2016

OPENING:
The 13th meeting of the UTPB STEM ACADEMY was called to order at 12:05 P.M. on March 17, 2016 on the campus of UTPB, 4901 University Blvd, Odessa, Texas, in room 4206 by Dr. Chris Hiatt

PRESENT:
Dr. Chris Hiatt, Dr. Juli Ratheal, Dr. Luis Trueba, Dr. Yolanda Salgado, Dr. Roy Hurst, and Karey Grametbaur.

1. Call to Order – Confirm Quorum is Present:
Quorum was met.

2. Pledge:
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Lisa Duncan.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Lisa Duncan.

3. Public Forum:
None

ACTION ITEMS:

4. A request for motion was made by Dr. Chris Hiatt to approve minutes from the January 26, 2016 Board Meeting. Dr. Roy Hurst motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Luis Trueba.

5. A request for motion was made by Dr. Chris Hiatt to approve 2016-2017 School Calendar. Karey Grametbaur motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Yolanda Salgado.

6. A request for approval of HB2610 waiver was made by Dr. Chris Hiatt. Board members signed the Resolution, quorum was met.
7. A request for motion was made by Dr. Chris Hiatt to approve purchases over $50,000.00. Dr. Yolanda Salgado motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Luis Trueba.

8. A request for approval of Charter amendment(s) was made by Dr. Chris Hiatt. Board Members signed the Resolution, quorum was met.

BOARD INFORMATION:

9. Academic Report
   a. Dr. Seybert stated the application for next year has been posted on the website. Applications close April 21st, and the lottery will be held the last week of April. Parent will then be notified if they have been accepted or placed on the wait list.

   b. Lisa Duncan reported on Tuesday, March 29th. 4th and 7th grade students will be taking the writing test and 5th grade students will be taking mathematics. On Wednesday, March 30th, 5th grade students will be taking the reading and 7th grade students will be taking the advance math, 8th grade test for math. All other test will be given on May 9th, 10th and 11th.

   c. Lisa Duncan presented the information on current PBLs. Kindergarten classes are studying plant parts and each students is creating a garden. First Grade is using clues and inferencing with Leprechauns and St. Patrick’s Day. Second grade is presenting their Immigration PBL to parent this Friday. Third grade is working on a financial unit in math called Work Hard Play Hard. The other third grade class is working on Super Heroes and Famous Persons. Fourth Grade math is creating Zoo designs and the ELA side is working on their Excellent Adventure. Fifth grade ELA is working on Amazing Race Folktales, and sixth and seventh grades launched the Iditarod Race.

   Dr. Seybert reported the robotic team made it to regionals. Spelling Bee champion Samuel Weak is competing March 19 in our community Spelling Bee. A couple of Science Fair students advance to the State Competition, and the Destination Imagination team will compete at the State level in Frisco on April 2nd.

10. Superintendent’s Report:
    Dr. Juli Ratheal presented a copy of the UTPB STEM Academy Organizational Chart to board members. She stated the Dean of Students/Curriculum Director position will be split. The Nurse will be moved from a part-time to
full time position, and we will be adding a Counselor’s position. Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Hurlbut are leading the search team for new teachers and they will be emphasizing in interviews we are searching for teachers with Master Degrees in a content area.

Dr. Ratheal stated she would be meeting with the Vice President of Business Affairs and Jay Haney on Monday, March 21st to look at bids for the new buildings.

Chrome books have been ordered for the additional grades that will be added next year.

The Ingenuity Center’s afterschool program will be funding the purchase of playground for next year.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Next meeting:

TBD

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Holloway