

<p style="text-align:center">Community Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools Summary of Meeting January 8, 2008</p>

Member Attendance:

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance:

Jennifer Bennett, AISD Planning & Community Relations
Joey Crumley, AISD Planning & Community Relations
Alberto Gonzalez, District Advisory Council
Dr. Janis Guerrero, AISD Planning & Community Relations

Proceedings:

- The meeting was called to order 5:38 pm in Conference Room A-230 of the AISD Carruth Administration Center.
- There were no citizens communications.
- Rachel Proctor May debriefed members on the updates provided to the Board of Trustees on December 10, and to the Joint Subcommittees on December 14.
Comments made during the updates included:
 - The finding that there is more community trust at the campus level than at the district level is interesting
 - The committee may have more time to finish its final work, but any recommendations with budgetary implications for next year should be provided soon
 - More interaction with the city could be helpful, but Trustees are volunteers, and suggested that the committee look more at the staff level
 - In general, need to see more specific policy recommendations
 - Marketing campuses is a good idea, especially for underutilized campuses
 - Emphasis on defining terms that the committee has been using, such as “repurposing” or “underutilized” – a glossary would be helpful for the final report
 - Look more into opportunities or special programs, such as the Ann Richards school, for schools that are underutilized
 - Form an educational subcommittee for the bond process
 - What would “revitalization” look like
 - Attending Planning Commission meetings is a good idea
 - The Superintendent and administration will have more to say once the committee makes its final recommendations
- Members continued their discussion on possible recommendations. Discussion points included:
 - One budgetary issue may be providing staff to allow Trustees to more directly communicate with constituents
 - There are probably no issues related to the upcoming bond, but revitalization efforts could affect certain campuses in the future

- Because there has been so much feedback on communications, this may be the easiest part of the recommendations to put together at this point
- Place emphasis on using "pre-emptive" measures and early communication
- Collaboration and communication are closely related and perhaps should be considered together
- San Antonio ISD's communications model could be applied to address Austin's needs
- Place emphasis on addressing alternatives for underutilized schools
- May need to redefine "underutilization"
- Need to really work on specific criteria
- What are the "indicators" or "thresholds" that "trigger" the need for the community to be notified that a school is underutilized, low performing, or under capacity?
 - ☞ Demographics within a particular area
 - ☞ District report card
 - ☞ Enrollment
 - ☞ Overcrowding/underutilization
 - ☞ "Watch lists"
- The Accountability Office produces district and campus report cards, which are presented in public hearings and placed online
- District and campus enrollment reports are generated by Student Services every six weeks
- Performance indicators are monitored routinely by the Superintendent and Cabinet and a school "watch list" is developed
- Parents and community members should be informed about watch lists and have input
- Although there is an expectation that principals share information related to their schools, there is also concern that principals may in some cases be discouraged not to share certain information
- Community members often do not feel comfortable in stepping up and taking leadership roles in school issues
- Members then discussed the organization and schedule for their final product. Discussion points included:
 - The "sticky note" process has been helpful
 - Look at previous findings and minutes
 - Begin with communications recommendations
 - Final recommendations could be divided into communications and collaboration, review criteria, and decision making process
 - The co-chairs will meet to further discuss the schedule and possible subcommittees
 - Need to factor in the time necessary for public review and comment of recommendations before taking a final product to the Board
- Committee members agreed to personally contact those members who have not been attending meetings lately to encourage their participation at this important point in the committee's work.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CCNS Member Attendance Record:

	2007											2008				
	5/22	6/12	6/26	8/14	8/28	9/11	9/25	10/9	10/23	11/13	11/14	11/27	12/4	1/8	1/29	2/12
Andy Anderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
Sally Brackett	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
Terry Clark	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Christiane Woodley Erwin		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓								
Chiquita Watt Eugene																
Lourdes (Lulu) Flores	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Linda Gibeaut	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓		✓		
Rev. Sterling Lands	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓							
José Marrero	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Rachael Proctor May	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Susan Moffat	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Leroy Nellis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓		
Yolanda Pedraza	✓	✓		✓												
Rev. Ivie Rich	✓		✓													
Paul Saldaña	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
Alfredo Santos	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓					
Kathie Tovo	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Jim Walker	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			

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