

<p style="text-align:center">AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL Summary of Annual Work Retreat September 23, 2004</p>
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ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Doyle Valdez, Cheryl Bradley, Mark Williams, Robert Schneider, Patricia Whiteside, Pat Forgione, Darlene Westbrook, Rosalinda Hernandez, Yolanda Rocha, Peggy Gordon, John Moore, Michael Houser, Larry Throm, Janis Guerrero, Joey Crumley, Rosa Valdez

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. at the Professional Development Academy.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 17, 2004, DAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Introductions of Members

- Members introduced themselves by stating their names, affiliations, and something interesting about themselves.
- Newly added members to the DAC included Diane Gonzales, Michael Simmang, Sonia Morales, Patricia Rocha, Julia Fletcher, and Vicki Baldwin.

DAC Training

- Members of the Executive Committee conducted a training session, which included: statutory responsibilities; statutory membership requirements; local membership requirements; DAC activities for 2003-2004; DAC and Executive Committee meeting schedules for 2004-2005; DAC agendas procedures; DAC web page; and expectations of members.

DAC Strategic Planning Priorities

- The DAC continued its identification of strategic planning priorities from its previous meeting. Many of the issues that had been listed in general terms were now more specifically stated.
- After modifications were made to several of the issues statements, each member placed adhesive dots next to issues of concern in order to establish a frequency distribution.

Discussion with Superintendent

- Dr. Forgione began by stating that the statewide court case contesting school financing had been successful.

- Dr. Forgrione said attendance was up, but still needed to get better. He said attendance equates to funding.
- Dr. Forgrione stated that curfew regulations were being enforced. He said that it was expensive for the courts to handle trancies.
- Dr. Forgrione said that high school reform would be an important theme over the next several months. He said an audit of all high schools was being conducted, and the findings would be reported on October 11. He said there would be a new “3 Rs” ... rigor, relevance, and relationships.
- Dr. Forgrione said there would need to be continued emphasis on college and career preparation. He said the district was well supported in this effort by the Chamber of Commerce and local colleges and universities.
- Dr. Forgrione stated that the district would be revisiting the calendar for the next school year.
- Dr. Forgrione announced that a special advisory group on staff recruitment and compensation would begin meeting soon.
- Dr. Forgrione said that the state accountability report would be coming out soon, and that the district would have several schools not meeting all of the state standards. He said an important concern at this time was science at the elementary level.
- Dr. Forgrione cited differences between the state and federal accountability systems, and said that several schools in the district would also not meet all of the federal standards. He said there may be student transfers under No Child Left Behind.
- Dr. Forgrione concluded his opening remarks by stating his appreciation over the results of the recent bond election.
- DAC members then had several questions for Dr. Forgrione.

Discussion with Board Members

- DAC members shared a lunchtime discussion with several members of the Board of Trustees.
- There were several topics of discussion, but discussion of strengths and needs for improvement received lengthy input from the Board. Strengths included: continuity in district leadership; community engagement and support; district employees; focus on college and career preparation; and recognition of diversity. Needs for improvement included: thinking outside of the box; hanging on to our best students; retaining qualified and experienced employees; and learning from best practices that we have been studying.
- Following the lunchtime discussion, Board member Johna Edwards provided an overview of the policy governance system under which the Board operates. She also invited the DAC members to attend a special “linkage” on the topic of citizenship following the next regular DAC meeting on October 19.

Discussion with Executive Staff

- DAC members had an extensive discussion with the Chief Academic Officer, Associate Superintendents, Executive Director of Educational Support Services, and Executive Director of Human Resources.
- Topics of discussion included: providing calendars and schedules directly to parents; having Associate Superintendents attend more Campus Advisory Council

(CAC) meetings to gain broader exposure; having the necessary number of counselors at all campuses, including special centers such as ACES; focus on elementary level science; DAC relationship with CACs; retaining teachers; the International High School; and acculturation as well as academic advancement for English Language Learners.

Discussion with Chief Financial Officer

- Larry Throm went over several basics of the district budget, including: calendar for the budget process; budget assumptions (which establish expectations early in the process); staffing formulas for campuses; and staffing guidelines for other district functions.
- Mr. Throm explained the term, Basic Table of Organization (BTO), which is essentially a campus budget.
- Mr. Throm said that 85 percent of the budget was payroll, with little left for discretionary spending.
- Mr. Throm explained that 95 to 97 percent of district revenues come from local taxes.
- Mr. Throm explained Fund Balance, the sources of which are unexpected revenues and unspent funding. He also explained that carryovers could be positive or negative.

Adjournment

After a reminder of the need for DAC volunteers on certain advisory groups, and a brief summation of the day by the Co-chairs, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

AISD District Advisory Council Member List and Attendance (Rev. 10/4/04)	2004					2005				
	6/15	8/17	9/23	10/19	11/16					
<i>Vacancy, Parent*</i>										
Lizel Santiago, Teacher, Kealing JH (1/1)	✓	✓	✓							
Shawn Tyson, Teacher, Kealing JH (2/2)										
REAGAN VERTICAL TEAM										
Tanika Wade, Parent, Hart ES (1/1)										
Denise Fisher, Parent, Winn ES (1/1*)	✓		✓							
Sue Shoopman, Teacher, Barrington ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓							
Courtney Luedtke, Teacher, Graham ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓							
TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM										
Ramon DeJesus , Parent, Travis HS (4/2)	✓	✓	✓							
Adolphus Anderson, Parent, Rodriguez ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓							
Rachel Soto, Teacher, Travis Heights ES (1/1)		✓								
Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Teacher, Fulmore MS (1/2)		✓	✓							
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS										
Rosalie Oliveri, Allison ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓							
Janie Ruiz, Becker ES (1/2)		✓	✓							
Pat Butler, Mills ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓							
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS										
Jane Ross , Pearce MS (3/1)	✓	✓	✓							
Julia Fletcher, Bailey MS (1/1)	N/A	N/A								
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL										
Barbara Spelman, Austin HS (1/1)			✓							
ACPTA REPRESENTATIVES										
<i>Vacancy, South</i>										
Colin "CJ" Carl, North (1/1)	✓	✓	✓							
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES										
Suzanne Stein (3/1*)	✓	✓	✓							
Amy Averett (1/1*)	N/A	✓	✓							
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE										
Linda Klar, Time Warner Cable (1/1*)	N/A	✓	✓							
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE										
Ruffina "BB" Coffill, St. Elmo ES (1/1*)	✓	✓	✓							
DISTRICT-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE										
Julie Lyons, Accountability (1/1)	✓	✓	✓							
AT-LARGE MEMBERS										
Alberto Gonzalez, Parent, Fulmore MS (2/1*)	✓	✓	✓							
Pascual Piedfort (2/2*)	✓	✓	✓							
Vicki Baldwin, Principal, Garza HS (2/1*)	N/A	N/A	✓							
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE (ex officio)										
Johna Edwards (2/1)	✓	✓	✓							

= Total number of terms appointed/Year of current term

* = Appointed by DAC Executive Committee

Name in Bold = Co-Chair