

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
August 16, 2005

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Dr. Pat Forgione, Dr. Maria Whitsett, Sylvia Reveles, Dr. Janis Guerrero, Joey Crumley

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 21, 2005 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

Citizens Communications

There were no citizen communications.

Committee Reports

- There were no committee reports.

Parental Notification of School Ratings

- Dr. Maria Whitsett, Executive Director for Accountability, summarized the provisions of House Bill 3297, a new bill that is effective immediately. The bill requires all school districts to provide information on school ratings under the state accountability system on their first report cards.
- Dr. Whitsett explained that there was too much information to fit on existing AISD report cards, so separate letters would be mailed out to parents, in English and Spanish.
- Dr. Whitsett said that information is already on the district website, as well as all campus websites.
- Dr. Whitsett reported that appeals were being made to TEA regarding ratings for Anderson High School and the Travis County Juvenile Detention Center.

2006 Census Test

- Silvia Reveles, Partnership and Data Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, announced that parts of Austin would be included in a Census Test for 2006. She said the test would provide an opportunity to help set national standards for the 2010 Census.
- Ms. Reveles said Austin was selected because of the diversity in its population and housing, its status as an emerging immigrant gateway, and its position as a high-tech leader. She said the testing would include electronic data gathering and geocoding.

- Ms. Reveles said the Census Bureau would be hiring about 2,000 temporary employees to conduct the test. She said the Census Bureau would be trying to place people in their own neighborhoods. She said this was important to help increase trust in the system. She added that the Census Bureau was very strict on maintaining data confidentiality.
- It was pointed out that the Census Bureau website contained a wealth of information useful to classroom teachers.

Final Strategic Plan

- Dr. Janis Guerrero, Executive Director for Planning and Community Relations, and Joey Crumley announced that the final Strategic Plan had been approved by the Superintendent and Cabinet, and presented to the Board of Trustees on August 8.
- Mr. Crumley said that members were being provided with an executive summary of the plan, and that the executive summary and full plan document were available on the district website.
- In response to member comments, Dr. Guerrero and Mr. Crumley stated that the plan contained internal processes to ensure that it would be used and not sit idle. In addition, progress on plan implementation would be monitored and reported to the public.

DAC Retreat Agenda

- Mr. Crumley explained that the proposed agenda for the annual DAC retreat on September 20 was focused on implementation of the Strategic Plan, and the retreat would serve as a major kick-off event to show the district's commitment to implementing the plan. He said that the agenda contained the main elements requested by the subcommittee on the retreat, namely ample time for panel and focus group discussions on various issues and an opportunity for vertical team representatives to work together.
- Dr. Guerrero said that in addition to DAC members, Board members, the vertical team leaders and ACPTA vertical team vice presidents, members of the Strategic Planning Panel, and other community and business leaders would be in attendance and taking part in the discussions.
- Dr. Guerrero explained that a major product of the retreat would be recommendations to the administration on specific actions to implement the Strategic Plan.

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Forgione reported that a new principal for Reagan High School would be selected soon. He said that Dr. Marcus Nelson had taken a position with another school district, and that former Reagan principal Glenn Nolley and Wanda Flowers were leading the school in the interim.
- Dr. Forgione said he would probably not move to replace Dr. Nelson, rather merge the high school blueprint with high school redesign.
- Dr. Forgione said that he would soon be submitting an application for a grant from Gates that would include teacher training and best practice monitoring visits to other districts.

- Dr. Forgione announced that a Request for Design (RFD) would be ready by September 6, outlining the district's overall high school redesign initiative. He said all individual high school proposals would be ready by December 15.
- Dr. Forgione said he would also be considering the feasibility of proposals for a young women's leadership academy and an international language and cultural center.
- Dr. Forgione announced that he would soon be forming a special Boundary Task Force. He added that the design for a new middle school included shared facilities with the City of Austin.
- Dr. Forgione concluded by saying that building the district budget would continue to be a tough job. He said there would be no salary increases this year, but cost increases in employee health benefits would be covered.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

AISD District Advisory Council Member List and Attendance (Revised, 08/23/05)	2005					2006						
	6/21	8/16	9/20	10/18	11/15	1/17	2/21	3/21	4/18	5/16		
Karen Stevens, Parent, Kealing JH (1/1)	✓	✓										
Pam Gonzalez, Teacher, Highland Park ES (1/1)												
Lizel Santiago, Teacher, Kealing JH (1/2)	✓	✓										
REAGAN VERTICAL TEAM												
Shaintay Abudu, Parent, Graham ES (1/1)												
Tomi Welch, Parent, Graham ES (1/1*)	✓	✓										
Sue Shoopman, Teacher, Barrington ES (1/2)	✓	✓										
Constance Skeete, Teacher, Jordan ES (1/1)	✓											
TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM												
Ramon DeJesus, Parent, Travis HS (5/1)	✓	✓										
Adolphus Anderson, Parent, Rodriguez ES (2/1)	✓	✓										
Frances Martinez, Teacher, Travis HS (1/1)	✓	✓										
Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Teacher, Fulmore MS (2/1)												
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS												
Pat Butler, Mills ES (1/2)		✓										
Cornel Jones, Norman ES (1/1)		✓										
Janie Ruiz, Becker ES (2/1)												
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS												
Jane Ross, Pearce MS (3/2)	✓	✓										
Julia Fletcher, Bailey MS (1/2)												
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL												
Barbara Spelman, Austin HS (1/2)	✓	✓										
ACPTA REPRESENTATIVES												
<i>Vacancy, South</i>	N/A	N/A										
Colin "CJ" Carl, North (1/2)	✓											
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES												
Suzanne Stein (3/2*)	✓	✓										
Amy Averett (1/2*)		✓										
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE												
Linda Klar, Time Warner Cable (1/2*)	✓	✓										
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE												
Ruffina "BB" Coffill, St. Elmo ES (1/2*)												
DISTRICT-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE												
Julie Lyons, Accountability (1/2)	✓	✓										
AT-LARGE MEMBERS												
Alberto Gonzalez, Parent, Fulmore MS (2/2*)	✓	✓										
Pascual Piedfort (3/1*)	✓	✓										
Vicki Baldwin, Principal, Garza HS (2/2*)	✓	✓										
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE (ex officio)												
Cheryl Bradley (1/1)	✓											

= Total number of terms appointed/Year of current term

* = Appointed by DAC Executive Committee

Name in Bold = Co-Chair