

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
March 20, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Dr. Janis Guerrero, AISD Office of Planning & Community Relations
Joey Crumley, AISD Office of Planning & Community Relations
Gerard Jimenez, Special Education Citizens Advisory Council
Diane Clayton, Parent, Bowie High School

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.

Citizens Communications

There were no citizens communications.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 26 and February 20 regular meetings were approved.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Forgione was unable to attend the meeting.

Update on Bilingual Education Program

- Martha Garcia, Executive Director for Bilingual Education, provided an update, including the following components of short-term, intermediate, and long-range goals:
 - ☞ Language Proficiency Assessment System (LPAS) recently implemented at all campuses
 - ☞ Summer school for 5,000 Pre-K English Language Learners (ELLs) and 200 secondary ELLs
 - ☞ Orientations for new bilingual teachers
 - ☞ Summer professional development for secondary teachers
 - ☞ Ongoing ELL training for principals
 - ☞ Development of an ESL program for elementary teachers
 - ☞ Video library of effective practices
 - ☞ Enhancements to bilingual special education

- Ms. Garcia stated there are 20,000 ELLs in AISD, representing the fastest growing student population. She pointed out that many ELLs are also economically disadvantaged.
- Ms. Garcia noted that a recent district event for parents and families conducted in Spanish drew over 3,000 participants.
- As specific budgetary concerns, Ms. Garcia cited central office support staff, staffing at middle and high schools where achievement declines are the largest, and ESL teacher stipends.
- Ms. Garcia said research indicates that bilingual education works, and that students strong in their native language learn English better. She said we need to ensure that both languages are taught at high levels.
- Ms. Garcia pointed out that the Houston ISD bilingual education program has been very successful and has served as a model.

DAC Budget Priorities

- Dr. Ross said it was evident that DAC members were still trying to achieve a balance between very general and very specific statements of priorities. She encouraged addressing the most critical areas.
- Julie Lyons pointed out that staffing formulas and BTOs had already been developed, and to provide input on them would require a much earlier discussion by the DAC. She added that no new funds would be available unless provided by the legislature.
- Discussion points broadly included budget process reform, needs-based resource allocation, use of high school redesign funding, and strategic compensation already being addressed.
- Members agreed to forward the following two budget priorities to the Executive Committee for further development:
 - (1) Align resources to support student academic achievement at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, with specific focus on English Language Learners, mathematics, science, special education, and early childhood development.
 - (2) Target resources to campuses that are identified as academically unacceptable.
- Action on budget priorities was deferred to the next regular DAC meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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	6/20	8/15	9/19	10/17	11/28	1/16	2/20	3/20	4/17	5/15	6/19
AKINS VERTICAL TEAM											
Christina Dewinne, Parent, Akins HS (1/1)	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
<i>Vacancy, Parent*</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
<i>Vacancy, Teacher</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Travis Mutscher, Teacher, Paredes MS (1/1)		✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓				
ANDERSON VERTICAL TEAM											
Stacey Silverman, Parent, Hill ES (2/1*)	✓		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓				
Laura Tuma, Parent, Murchison MS (1/2)		✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
Dee Willars, Teacher, Anderson HS (2/1)		✓	✓			N/A	✓	✓			
Krystall Colhoff, Teacher, Hill ES (1/2)		✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A					
AUSTIN VERTICAL TEAM											
Vickie Black, Parent, Matthews ES (4/2*)		✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
Buddy Owen, Parent, Austin HS (5/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
Linda Beavan, Teacher, O. Henry MS (1/2)			✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
Mark Kelly, Teacher, Small MS (1/1)			✓	✓	✓	N/A		✓			
BOWIE VERTICAL TEAM											
Laura Ammer, Parent, Kocurek ES (1/2*)		✓	✓		✓	N/A		✓			
Donna Casteel, Parent, Bailey MS (1/1)	✓			✓	✓	N/A	✓				
Vicki Everett, Teacher, Bailey MS (2/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
Kari Sulak, Teacher, Baranoff ES (1/2)		✓	✓			N/A					
CROCKET VERTICAL TEAM											
Mel Fuller, Parent, Cowan ES (1/1)	✓		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓				
Wendy Brown, Parent, Galindo ES (1/2*)	✓	✓	✓		✓	N/A	✓				
Linda Johnson, Teacher, Odom ES (2/1)		✓	✓	✓		N/A	✓	✓			
Lucille Camarillo-May, Teacher, St. Elmo ES (1/2)			✓			N/A					
JOHNSTON VERTICAL TEAM											
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
<i>Vacancy, Parent*</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Joe Moore, Teacher, Martin JH (3/2)		✓	✓		✓	N/A	✓	✓			
<i>Vacancy, Teacher</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
LANIER VERTICAL TEAM											
Lourdes Flores, Parent, Wooldridge ES (1/1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
<i>Vacancy, Parent*</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Isabel Cano, Teacher, Cook ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
Tammy Phuong, Teacher, McBee ES (1/2)		✓	✓	✓		N/A		✓			
LBJ VERTICAL TEAM											
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
<i>Vacancy, Parent*</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Laura Smith-Everet, Teacher, Blanton ES (1/2)			✓		✓	N/A					
Jon David Saucedo, Teacher, Sims ES (1/1)	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓				
McCALLUM VERTICAL TEAM											
Varshna Narumanchi-Jackson, Parent, Lee ES (1/2*)		✓		✓		N/A		✓			

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Karen Stevens, Parent, Kealing JH (1/2)	✓	✓	✓		✓	N/A					
Pam Gonzalez, Teacher, Highland Park ES (1/2)			✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓				
Mary Ghazinezhadiansh, Teacher, McCallum HS (1/1)		✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A					
REAGAN VERTICAL TEAM											
Shanntell Colvin, Parent, Norman ES (1/1)				✓	✓	N/A					
Audrey Cedillo, Parent, Graham ES (1/1*)						N/A					
Martha Dolman, Teacher, ALC (1/1)			✓	✓		N/A	✓	✓			
Kathy Ryan, Teacher, Hart ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓		✓	N/A		✓			
TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM											
Ramon DeJesus, Parent, Travis HS (5/2*)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
Adolphus Anderson, Parent, Rodriguez ES (2/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
Marie Harpin, Teacher, Travis HS (1/1)		✓	✓	✓		N/A	✓	✓			
Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Teacher, Fulmore MS (2/2)		✓	✓		✓	N/A					
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS											
Pat Butler, Mills ES (2/1)		✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
Cornel Jones, Norman ES (1/2)						N/A	✓				
Janie Ruiz, Gullett ES (2/2)			✓	✓		N/A	✓				
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS											
Jane Ross, Pearce MS (4/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			
<i>Vacancy</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL											
Edmund Oropez, Lanier HS (1/1)		✓	✓			N/A					
ACPTA REPRESENTATIVES											
Pascual Piedfort, South (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A		✓			
<i>Vacancy, North</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES											
Wayne Krause, Texas Civil Rights Project (1/1*)	✓	✓	✓		✓	N/A	✓				
Amy Averett, Austin Voices for Education & Youth (2/1*)	✓	✓	✓		✓	N/A	✓	✓			
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE											
Linda Klar, Gilleland Creek Press Association Services (2/1*)		✓		✓	✓	N/A	✓				
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE											
Martha Dyess, Secretary, Walnut Creek ES (1/1)*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A		✓			
DISTRICT-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE											
Julie Lyons, Accountability (2/1)	✓		✓		✓	N/A		✓			
AT-LARGE MEMBERS											
Alberto Gonzalez, Parent, Fulmore MS (3/1*)	✓	✓	✓	✓		N/A	✓	✓			
Dennis Petrash, Parent, Patton ES (1/1*)		✓	✓	✓		N/A	✓	✓			
Mollie Guion, Professional Development (1/1*)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓			
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE (ex officio)											
Johna Edwards		✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓			

= Total number of terms appointed/Year of current term

* = Appointed by DAC Executive Committee

Name in Bold = Co-Chair