



Brooke Art Transition Info Session

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 5:30-7 p.m.

In Attendance: Raul Alvarez, Tony Gonzalez, Paul Saldaña, Paula Reyes, Melissa Rodriguez, Sheri Albin, Cristina Nguyen, Matias Segura, Ali Ghilarducci, Mary Alvirez, Gloria Vera-Bedolla, Alma Valdez, Bertha Delgado, Ruth Tovar

Agenda:

1) Introductions

2) [Review Draft Brooke Art Transition Plan \(English & Spanish\)](#)

3) Discussion and Q&A

- a) B. Delgado: How will Task Force members be selected?
 - i) A. Ghilarducci: All Brooke families and staff were invited to the Info Session and the Community Engagement department reached out to community members via phone based on recommendations from the school community of who needed to be involved. Artists and community members with a strong tie and commitment to Brooke will all be accepted on the Task Force. The district wants the Task Force to be reflective of the community and is asking for those present today to help ensure the right people are at the table.
- b) G. Vera-Bedolla: When will the repurposing process begin for the Brooke site? The community believes there was a two-year moratorium on deciding what will happen to the site.
 - i) M. Segura: The process began in early spring and was put on pause due to COVID-19. We intend to resume the process in August or September 2020. It will be a long process and the district will work with the community along the way.
 - ii) A. Ghilarducci: The moratorium is on the sale of the property. The Trustees would like to maintain ownership of the site and have directed administration to identify a repurposing option that is beneficial to the community before any consideration of sale. Visit the [AISD repurposing webpage](#) for more information.
- c) B. Delgado: Expressed that the artwork belongs with the artists and that their wishes should be the deciding factor in the decision-making process. Questioned the need for a Task Force at all. The cost to move any of the pieces should not fall on the artist.
 - i) M. Segura: Agrees that the artists' wishes should be weighed very heavily. The artist will not be expected to pay to move the artworks.



- d) B. Delgado shared that the artist of one of the murals Tony Gonzalez, who is in attendance had expressed that he would like to have his piece returned to him due to it's sentimental value.
- e) T. Gonzalez, his granddaughter—who is an emerging artist, daughter and wife expressed those same sentiments. The family represents five generations of students who attended Brooke.
- f) P. Saldaña: Supports what B. Delgado expressed. Understands the need to have a process.
- g) A. Valdez: Shared that her husband and one of the artists believes that the artwork belongs to the children of Brooke and the community.
- h) G. Vera-Bedolla: Asked what will be a quorum for decision-making?
 - i) A. Ghilarducci: This is something we will have to discuss with the Task Force but we will aim to arrive at consensus.
- i) B. Delgado: Believes that the Task Force should not be open to just anyone. It must be people who represent the community, who have an investment and who respect the art. Expressed that she and the community do not trust AISD.
 - i) M. Segura: It is our intention to ensure the Task Force is made up of community members as B. Delgado described. We are hopeful that this process can begin to restore that lost trust.
- j) P. Saldaña: Sees this process as an opportunity for healing between the district and the community. Shared a quote from Raul Valdez: "It is impossible to be proud when you don't know who you are.
- k) B. Delgado expressed concern that there was so much AISD staff in attendance.
 - i) M. Segura, AISD central office staff is here to support the process and will not act as voting members of the Task Force.
- l) Serena (T. Gonzalez' granddaughter): Expressed concern that many in the community are elderly and won't know about the opportunity to get involved if everything is online.
 - i) A. Ghilarducci: That is why we are also relying on word of mouth and doing direct phone outreach. There are many of the right people participating today and we are relying on you all to help us identify if there is anyone else who would like to have a say. The Task Force interest form asks applicants to share contact information of anyone else they know of who might like to be included in the process.