

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Annual Retreat
November 28, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Joey Crumley, AICP, Campus and District Accountability

Carolyn Hanschen, Campus and District Accountability

Dr. David Kauffman, Multilingual Education

Carla Roberson, School, Family, and Community

Dr. Gloria Williams, School, Family, and Community

PROCEEDINGS

Preliminaries

- The meeting was called to order by Andy Anderson at 4:32 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.
- There were no citizens communications.
- There were no reports from members.

Superintendent's Update

- The Superintendent's update included the following:
 - ☞ A slide presentation on implementing the recently voter-approved bond items
 - ☞ A new AISD administration building is proposed in South Austin at I-35 and Ben White
 - ☞ Some staff at the CAC should start moving this summer, but not all
 - ☞ We may lease out some of the space at the new building
 - ☞ The new building will have better access and parking
- Discussion points included:
 - ☞ The Superintendent said he would follow up on a question about power outages at Lanier
 - ☞ A rollout schedule for the bond technology items should be available in about a month
 - ☞ Health and medical careers are good, but we still need to emphasize trade careers
 - ☞ The Baker Center is slated for a combination of offices and affordable housing
 - ☞ Due to the relocation of central offices, we may need to change the way we do certain things
 - ☞ There is frustration at Fulmore over the push to change the name while the school isn't getting much from the bond
 - ☞ This district is so large that an important issue in one part may not even be known in another
 - ☞ Still looking at options for temporarily moving Doss students during construction, but will try to keep them all at one site

Proposed District Calendars for 2018-2019

- Dr. Gloria Williams, Executive Director of Family, School, and Community, thanked the DAC members who participated in the Calendar Task Force.
- Dr. Williams presented three calendar options for the 2018-2019 school year. She said all of the options were bound by certain requirements, including number of teacher contract days, minimum total minutes of instruction, number of bad-weather makeup days, and maximum number of paid days off for staff.
- Dr. Williams explained that two of the calendar options had 177 instructional days, while one had 176. She said one of the options would have the last day of class before Memorial Day.

- Dr. Williams said that in addition to the online survey, members of Campus Advisory Councils and the DAC were also being polled.
- DAC members marked ballots with their preferred calendar option, and the ballots were collected.

Dual Language Update

- Dr. David Kauffman, Executive Director of Multilingual Education, presented on the following topics:
 - ☞ Bilingual education and ESL are required by law, and are covered in our district Strategic Plan
 - ☞ Our students speak over 140 languages other than English, but Spanish is the predominant one
 - ☞ ELL designation is determined by English proficiency testing
 - ☞ The goal of one-way and two-way dual language (DL) is the same – to speak both languages by the 5th grade
 - ☞ Basically, it all boils down to good instruction
 - ☞ Research supports DL
 - ☞ We started DL in 2010 with 13 campuses, and we've greatly expanded
 - ☞ "Cluster" schools are a current initiative, which helps schools with small ELL populations and/or mixed classes
 - ☞ There is a lot of professional development happening
 - ☞ In middle school, at least two content classes are not in English
 - ☞ It's challenging at the secondary level, because teachers must be proficient in content area as well as two languages
 - ☞ We're looking to expand to Akins and Travis
 - ☞ Speaking another language is not a hindrance, it's empowering – there are many benefits to speaking a second language
- Discussion points included:
 - ☞ Still looking at other possible high schools for DL
 - ☞ The basic elements of DL should be able to align with Montessori
 - ☞ Seems unfair if you have to take your kid to another school if you don't want to participate in DL
 - ☞ Another issue that needs to be addressed is if you're in DL and you don't want to be in it anymore, can you still stay at the same school
 - ☞ Still trying to improve on certain scaffolding and supports
 - ☞ Expanding two-way DL is the long-term goal, but it will take some time
 - ☞ The table of campus offerings is misleading in many cases – parents need more reliable information
 - ☞ We'll be taking a "tell it like it is" approach for principals to verify what is actually being offered at their campuses
 - ☞ We're working on better ways to assess bi-literacy
 - ☞ The DL program itself can't take the place of good teaching
 - ☞ We need to be careful that we don't end up segregating in some cases
 - ☞ Immersion is not the same as DL – providing immersion at more schools is a staffing issue, as well as developing the programs

Conclusion

- The item on AISD Demographics was postponed to a later date.
- The meeting was adjourned by Andy Anderson at 6:45 p.m.

District Advisory Council Membership and Attendance Record	2017				2018					
	8/15	9/19	10/17	11/28	1/16	2/20	3/20	4/17	5/15	
AKINS VERTICAL TEAM										
Heather Shaw, Parent, Perez ES (3/1)	✓		✓	✓						
Lance Lunsford, Parent, Menchaca ES (1/1)				✓						
Mario Piña, Teacher, Perez ES (1/2)		Excused	Excused	✓						
Wayne Lopes, Teacher, Menchaca ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
ANDERSON VERTICAL TEAM										
Stacey Thompson, Parent, Anderson HS (1/1)	✓		✓	Excused						
Shannon Meroney, Parent, Doss ES (2/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Christy Cochran, Librarian, Murchison MS (4/1)	✓	✓	✓							
Thuy Nguyen, Teacher, Summitt ES (1/1)		✓	✓	Excused						
AUSTIN VERTICAL TEAM										
Barbara Knaggs, Parent, O.Henry MS (2/2)		✓	✓	✓						
Vera Muñoz, Parent, Zilker ES (2/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Sedric Pinkny, Teacher, O.Henry MS (1/2)	✓	Excused	Excused	✓						
Aimee Finney, Teacher, Austin HS (2/2)		Excused	✓	✓						
BOWIE VERTICAL TEAM										
Vanessa Olivares, Parent, Cowan ES (1/1)										
Travis Botello, Parent, Bowie HS (1/2)	✓		✓	✓						
Daniel Gonzalez, Teacher, Bailey MS (1/1)		✓	✓	✓						
Brian Alford, Teacher, Bowie HS (2/2)		✓		Excused						
CROCKETT VERTICAL TEAM										
Zoe Trieff, Parent, Sunset Valley ES (2/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Brenda Flores-Dollar, Parent, Crockett HS (1/1)		✓	✓	✓						
Angela Koegler, Teacher, Williams ES (1/1)		✓	✓							
Kristel Nichols, Teacher, St. Elmo ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓							
EASTSIDE MEMORIAL VERTICAL TEAM										
Maria Rostro, Parent, Allision ES (1/1)										
Reyes Rodriguez, Parent, Ortega ES (1/2)										
Giles Smith, Teacher, Metz ES (2/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Mayra Lopez, Teacher, Zavala ES (1/2)										
LANIER VERTICAL TEAM										
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>										
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Isa Boonto-Zarifis, Teacher, Lanier HS (1/1)				✓						
Laurie Beaman, Teacher, Lanier HS (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
LBJ VERTICAL TEAM										
Betty Johnson, Parent, LBJ HS (6/1)		✓		✓						
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>										
Daniela Ruiz, Teacher, Harris ES (1/2)	✓	Excused	✓							
Blanca Galvez-Perez, Teacher, Andrews ES (3/2)	✓	Excused	✓	✓						
McCALLUM VERTICAL TEAM										
Sam Russo, Parent, Brentwood ES (1/2)		✓	✓	✓						
Dr. Melanie Haupt, Parent, Brentwood ES (1/2)		✓		✓						
Cari Land, Counselor, Highland Park ES (1/1)		✓	✓							
Yvonne McDaniel, McCallum HS (1/1)		✓	✓	✓						
REAGAN VERTICAL TEAM										
Ayelet Neubach, Parent, Winn ES (1/1)				✓						
Dr. Deanna Mercer, Parent, Reagan HS (1/2)		✓	Excused							
Maya McElroy, Librarian, Graham ES (4/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Claudia Torres, Teacher, Webb MS (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM										
Genevieve Dell, Parent, Fulmore MS (2/1)	Excused	✓	✓	✓						
Deborah Trejo, Parent, Fulmore (1/1/)		✓	✓	✓						
Sandy Chilton, Teacher, Uphaus ECC (1/2)	✓		✓	✓						
Allison Friedlander, Instructional Coach, Becker ES (2/2)	✓	✓	✓							
SPECIAL CAMPUSES VERTICAL TEAM										
Jane MacLean, Parent, Ann Richards School (3/2)	✓		✓	✓						
Sondra Marks, Parent, LASA (3/1)	Excused	Excused	Excused	✓						
Danna Roberts, Teacher, ALC (1/2)	✓	✓		✓						
Paula Cox, Teacher, Rosedale (1/2)	✓	Excused	✓	✓						
PRINCIPALS										
Rafael Soriano, Principal, Padron ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Jennifer Pace, Principal, Widen ES (1/1)		✓	Excused	Excused						
Shannon Sellstrom, Principal, Covington MS (6/1)	✓	✓	Excused							
Dr. Susan Thames, Assistant Principal, Akins HS (1/1)	✓		✓	✓						
ACPTA REPRESENTATIVES										
Vanessa Santamaria-Dainton (1/2)		✓	✓							

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Nu Chanpheng (2/2)	Excused	✓	✓	✓						
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES										
Michael Supancic (5/2)	✓	✓		Excused						
LaDonna Massad (6/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Cathy Painter (2/1)		✓	✓	✓						
Toni Rayner (4/1)			✓	✓						
Paul Mitchell (5/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Candace Aylor (2/1)				Excused						
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES										
Drew Bixby (3/2)	✓		Excused	✓						
Andy Sams (1/1)		✓	✓	✓						
Dr. Billy Harden (1/1)										
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE										
Kathy Winfrey, Winn ES (1/1)			Excused	✓						
DISTRICT-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES										
★ Dr. Jane Ross, Child Study Team/MTSS (9/2)	✓	✓	✓							
Bonnie Hauser, Library/Media Services (4/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Alonzo Blankenship, SEL (2/1)	✓	✓		✓						
AT-LARGE MEMBERS										
★ Adolphus (Andy) Anderson (8/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Vickie Black (9/2)		✓	✓							
Kevin Manzke (6/1)		Excused	Excused	✓						
Kathy Green (1/2)	✓	✓								
James Wetter (4/2)		✓								
Alberto Gonzalez (8/1)		Excused								
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES										
Jimmy Counihan, Student, Bowie HS (2/2)	✓	✓	Excused							
Connor Fierro, Student, LASA (1/2)	✓	✓	Excused	✓						
Zack Minicozzi, Student, Anderson HS (1/1)		✓	Excused	Excused						
BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON*										
Alternating (<i>See List of Others in Attendance</i>)	✓	✓	✓							
SUPERINTENDENT*										
Dr. Paul Cruz	✓	✓	✓	✓						

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