AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
September 19, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance
(See attached list)

Others in Attendance
Julie Cowan, Board of Trustees
Joey Crumley, Campus and District Accountability
Carolyn Hanschen, Campus and District Accountability
Kendall Pace, Board of Trustees
Dr. Mary Thomas, State and Federal Accountability

PROCEEDINGS

Preliminaries

- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jane Ross at 4:31 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.
- There were no citizen communications.
- Dr. Ross introduced several new members.
- Dr. Ross announced the formation of a new DAC subcommittee focusing on PK-2 supports, and asked for volunteers.
- There were no items from members.
- The two candidates for non-staff co-chair, Andy Anderson and Genevieve Dell, provided brief statements. Joey Crumley distributed ballots for the co-chair election. Mr. Crumley explained that an Executive Committee election was not necessary, according to DAC bylaws, since there were only enough candidates who announced before the filing deadline to fill the seats available.

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Cruz provided the following updates:
  - ☞ Video on first day of school activities.
  - ☞ New academic programs.
  - ☞ Graduation rate at an all-time high.
- Discussion points included:
  - ☞ Sunshades are needed for playgrounds/
  - ☞ Priorities for this year are literacy, the bond, and customer service.
  - ☞ Crockett needs more than what's currently being proposed in the bond.
  - ☞ The bond is only covering $1 billion of the $4 billion identified by the FABPAC – we're having to address the worst first at this time, and a higher bond price would mean raising taxes.
  - ☞ Customer service is monitored through surveys and conversations with stakeholders.
  - ☞ Customer service staff needs to be increased.
  - ☞ Bond money can only be used for capital projects.
  - ☞ The district is still looking at dual language options.
  - ☞ Leveling may involve teachers moving to other campuses.
  - ☞ Authentic literature definitely helps literacy.
  - ☞ Literacy is going to require multiple strategies.
  - ☞ A lot of kids need books at home, and the Book Bus is helping to do that; kids need to be able to read to their passions and interests.
  - ☞ HR has been doing a good job in all of the leveling efforts.

Title I Equity Plan

- Dr. Mary Thomas, Director of State and Federal Accountability, presented the following:
  - ☞ There are limitations on what Title I funding can be used for, but we may be able to find other resources locally.
  - ☞ Some Title I funding will be going away, so we'll need to be more creative.
  - ☞ As a district, we're also losing Title I money as a result of fewer students being enrolled.
  - ☞ Through TEA, districts are now required to develop a plan to identify and address any disparities that result in low-income students and minority students being taught at higher rates than other students by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field teachers.
  - ☞ The plan is in draft form now, and will go to the Board for approval in November.
- Discussion points included:
  - ☞ We're looking at the experience of principals as well as teachers.
  - ☞ We're also looking at various ways to collect information.
  - ☞ There are exit conferences with teachers, and we're working to improve how data is captured at the campus level.
  - ☞ We're working to get input from various stakeholder groups.
  - ☞ Another root cause should be affordable housing for teachers in Austin, as well as the taxes.

Accountability Update

- Carolyn Hanschen, Director of Campus and District Accountability, presented the following:
  - ☞ Latest campus ratings.
  - ☞ STAAR performance level descriptions.
  - ☞ Implementation of HB 22 (A-F rating system).
  - ☞ In August 2018, districts and campuses will receive A-F ratings for each of three domains and an overall grade.
  - ☞ There are measures for school progress, relative performance, and closing gaps.
  - ☞ Districts are now able to add locally developed accountability ratings.
- Discussion points included:
  - ☞ There will be no percentile targets.
  - ☞ Other targets will be determined before data is actually seen.
  - ☞ There doesn't seem to be a way to account for high schools applying rigor in instruction.
  - ☞ IR schools fall into a special intervention system.
  - ☞ Exemption from final exams isn't part of state accountability, and the Teaching and Learning office will need to be consulted on that.

Other Business

- Mr. Crumley announced that Andy Anderson had been elected to serve another term as non-staff co-chair.
- Mr. Crumley also reminded members about the upcoming annual DAC retreat, on October 17 at the Performing Arts Center.

Conclusion

- The meeting was adjourned by Andy Anderson at 6:25 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)										
Wayne Lopes, Teacher, Menchaca ES (1/1)	✓	✓								
ANDERSON VERTICAL TEAM										
Stacey Thompson, Parent, Anderson HS (1/1)	✓									
Shannon Meroney, Parent, Doss ES (2/2)	✓	✓								
Christy Cochran, Librarian, Murchison MS (4/1)	✓	✓								
Thuy Nguyen, Teacher, Summitt ES (1/1)		✓								
AUSTIN VERTICAL TEAM										
Barbara Knaggs, Parent, O.Henry MS (2/2)		✓								
Vera Muñiz, Parent, Zilker ES (2/2)	✓	✓								
Sedric Pinkny, Teacher, O.Henry MS (1/2)	✓									
Aimee Finney, Teacher, Austin HS (2/2)										
BOWIE VERTICAL TEAM										
Melinda Marquez, 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)		✓								
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										

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Laurie Beaman, Teacher, Lanier HS (1/2)	✓	✓								
LBJ VERTICAL TEAM										
Betty Johnson, Parent, LBJ HS (6/1)		✓								
Daniela Ruiz, Teacher, Harris ES (1/2)	✓									
Blanca Galvez-Perez, Teacher, Andrews ES (3/2)	✓									
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										
Andy Sams, Parent, Winn ES (1/1)		✓								
Dr. Deanna Mercer, Parent, Reagan HS (1/2)		✓								
Maya McElroy, Librarian, Graham ES (4/1)	✓	✓								
Claudia Torres, Teacher, Webb MS (1/2)	✓	✓								
TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM										
Genevieve Dell, Parent, Fulmore MS (2/1)		✓								
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								
Danna Roberts, Teacher, ALC (1/2)	✓	✓								
Paula Cox, Teacher, Rosedale (1/2)	✓									
PRINCIPALS										
Rafael Soriano, Principal, Padron ES (1/2)	✓	✓								
Jennifer Pace, Principal, Widen ES (1/1)		✓								
Shannon Sellstrom, Principal, Covington MS (6/1)	✓	✓								
Dr. Susan Thames, Assistant Principal, Akins HS (1/1)	✓									

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ACPTA REPRESENTATIVES										
Vanessa Santamaria-Dainton (1/2)		✓								
Nu Chanpheng (2/2)	Excused	✓								
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES										
Michael Supancic (5/2)	✓	✓								
LaDonna Massad (6/1)	✓	✓								
Cathy Painter (2/1)		✓								
Toni Rayner (4/1)										
Paul Mitchell (5/1)	✓	✓								
Candace Aylor (2/1)										
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES										
Drew Bixby (3/2)	✓									
Kevin Wood (3/1)										
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE										
Kathy Winfrey, Winn ES (1/1)										
DISTRICT-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES										
★Dr. Jane Ross, Learning Support Services (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)										
Kathy Green (1/2)	✓	✓								
James Wetter (4/2)		✓								
Alberto Gonzalez (8/1)		Excused								
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES										
Jimmy Counihan, Student, Bowie HS (2/2)	✓	✓								
Connor Fierro, Student, LASA (1/2)	✓	✓								
Zack Minicozzi, Student, Anderson HS (1/1)		✓								
BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON*										
Alternating *(See List of Others in Attendance)*	✓	✓								
SUPERINTENDENT*										
Dr. Paul Cruz	✓	✓								

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