



DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Annual Report 2010-2011

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Office of Planning and Community Relations**

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Background

Each public school district in the state is required in §11.251 of the Texas Education Code to maintain a district-wide advisory committee to assist in the planning and decision-making process, and to provide advice and recommendations to the Board of Trustees and Superintendent. Pursuant, AISD policies BQ-Legal, BQA-Legal, and BQA-Local pertain to the District Advisory Council (DAC). This report documents DAC activities for the period of June 2010 through May 2011, and is prepared in accordance with DAC bylaws.

Meetings

The DAC held ten regular meetings during the period of report. The DAC holds regular meetings in each month of the year except July and December. Normally, DAC regular meetings are held on the third Tuesdays of the month. Following is the schedule of DAC regular meetings for the period of report. Regular meetings are held in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center from 4:30-6:30 p.m., except where noted.

June 15, 2010
August 17, 2010
September 21, 2010
October 27, 2010 (Annual Planning Retreat, Delco Center, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
November 16, 2010
January 18, 2011 (Martin Middle School)
February 15, 2011
March 22, 2011
April 19, 2011
May 17, 2011

The DAC also maintains an Executive Committee, the primary function of which is to set the agendas for regular DAC meetings. The Executive Committee held ten meetings during the period of report. The Executive Committee holds meetings in each month of the year except July and December. Normally, Executive Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesdays of the month. Following is the schedule of Executive Committee meetings for the period of report. Executive Committee meetings are held in Conference Room A-230 of the Carruth Administration Center from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

June 1, 2010
August 3, 2010
September 7, 2010
October 5, 2010
November 2, 2010
January 4, 2011
February 1, 2011
March 1, 2011
April 5, 2011
May 3, 2011

Agenda Items

The following items were included on DAC regular meeting agendas for the period of report:

- Legislative Update
- Title I Funding Allocations*
- Bilingual Education Program
- Budget Process
- Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee
- TEA Waiver Request: Accelerated Instruction*
- TEA Waiver Request: Modified TAKS Schedule*
- Special Education Data Related to AYP
- Facility Master Plan Process
- Strategic Plan Implementation
- Strategic Plan Report Card
- District Improvement Plan Needs Assessment*
- District Plan to Meet AYP
- Strategic Plan Monitoring
- Annual Strategic Plan Review Process*
- Campus Advisory Campus Input into Campus Improvement Plans*
- East Austin Plan
- Turnaround Initiative
- Connecting the Dots Initiative
- Campus Flexibility in Decision-Making
- District Transfer Policies
- AISD REACH Program
- 2011-2012 District Professional Development Plan*
- TEA Waiver Request: Teacher Portal
- Proposal for School for Young Men

*The DAC took action on these items in the form of recommendations to the Board of Trustees and district administration.

Communications with the Board of Trustees

In addition to the action items listed above, for the period of report the DAC maintained communications with the Board of Trustees in the following ways:

- In accordance with DAC bylaws, the Board selects one Trustee to sit on the DAC as an ex officio member (Trustee Lori Moya currently serves in this capacity)
- In accordance with state law, the DAC Co-Chairs and the Board annually hold a joint public meeting to present and discuss the District Report Card, and to discuss implications to the work of the DAC (held on January 24, 2011)
- Trustees are invited to attend the annual planning retreat of the DAC; the Board President participated in a panel discussion at the retreat on October 27, 2010
- Annually, the DAC provides recommendations to the Board and district administration on budget priorities

Communications with the Superintendent and Senior Cabinet Members

In addition to the action items listed above, for the period of report the DAC maintained communications with the Superintendent and Senior Cabinet members in the following ways:

- In accordance with DAC bylaws, the Superintendent sits on the DAC as an ex officio member
- Updates from the Superintendent and opportunities for discussion are standing agenda items for DAC regular and Executive Committee meetings
- The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Performance Officer participated in a panel discussion at the DAC annual planning retreat on October 27, 2010
- During the period of report, the following chief officers participated in DAC regular and Executive Committee meetings: Chief Financial Officer; Chief of Schools; Chief Academic Officer; General Counsel
- Annually, the DAC provides recommendations to the Board and district administration on budget priorities

Membership

In accordance with DAC bylaws and district policy, the membership of the DAC is reflective of the geographic, ethnic, cultural, and economic diversity of the AISD community. The DAC membership meets and exceeds the basic requirements established by state law. The Board of Trustees approved the 2010-2011 membership of the DAC on May 24, 2010. In total, the DAC consists of 66 voting members, as follows:

- 24 Parents (2 from each vertical team)
- 24 Teachers (2 from each vertical team)
- 3 Elementary School Principals
- 2 Middle School Principals
- 1 High School Principal
- 2 Austin Council of PTAs Representatives
- 2 Community Representatives
- 1 Business Representative
- 1 Classified Employee Representative
- 1 District-Level Professional Employee Representative
- 3 At-Large Members
- 2 Student Representatives

Additionally, for the period of report the membership of the DAC was balanced between new members and members with more service experience, as follows:

- 48% 1 two-year term or less
- 27% 2 two-year terms
- 25% 3 two-year terms or more

DAC members are selected from a variety of sources, including applications submitted through the standard process for district advisory bodies, references from campus principals, and participants in the AISD UpClose program.