

SEAC Meeting Minutes April 10, 2018

Committee Members in attendance: Lance Kinney, Chad Johnson, Enrique Trejo, Maria Hernandez, Heather Merritt, Jolene Sanders, Patricia Carley, Candace Aylor, Jennifer Farrell, Dr. Jean Bahney

Guests: Kathy Palomo

Also present: Neil Bonavita

6:04pm: Call to Order

Members and individuals present introduce themselves. During introductions, Jolene Sanders asked about how we will be addressing issues that were raised in public comment. In addition, Jolene asked what the process is for getting things on the agenda. Candace proposed a review and potential amendment of the bylaws to address agenda issues.

February 2018 Minutes unanimously approved by those present at February Meeting.

Kathy Palomo presents on Back to School Night—Back to School Night packet distributed for feedback. Kathy gives examples of how she has seen campuses conduct their special ed back to school night. Members shared their various experiences with some expressing a desire to encourage SPED back to school nights as a separate event while others expressed the desire to keep the events inclusive. Maria suggests “different messaging” that distinguishes the opportunity to SPED parents separately from “back to school night.” A discussion ensued on other avenues in which to influence campus culture. Questions turned to whether special ed could host informational events outside of back to school night and Kathy shared different ways that AISD had made opportunities in the past.

Kathy Palomo shares information on the campus ambassador program and solicits input from the committee. Discussion had over how the model works (or doesn't). Jolene suggests that peer to peer model might be an option. Kathy notes that when a connector like that is requested, it is provided. Heather shared the Travis has been hosting a series of seminars on ADHD all year. Lance notes that his “community” exists outside of the school of which school is a part and posits that the greater opportunity to connect might exist there, with AISD as a participant.

Neil provides an overview of the work on the video project and the committee decided unanimously to proceed with the project using the Anderson High School CTE Media program. A work group will meet with the media teacher at Anderson and will work toward getting three scripts to the teacher for students to produce videos before the end of the school year.

Dr. Bahney provided a brief update on discipline (a topic previously requested by some of the committee members) and shared some of the work that could be done in front to explore alternatives to removal as well as potential work with a model secondary campus.

Eric Trejo shared that he participated in the district bus tour of 18+ opportunities and Dr. Bahney updated the committee on the Rosedale Ride.

Adjourn: 8:07PM