

<p style="text-align:center">Community Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools Summary of Meeting April 8, 2008</p>

Member Attendance:

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance:

Jennifer Bennett, AISD Planning & Community Relations
Joey Crumley, AISD Planning & Community Relations
Dr. Janis Guerrero, AISD Planning & Community Relations

Proceedings:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. in Conference Room A-230 of the AISD Carruth Administration Center.
- There were no citizens' communications.
- Rachel Proctor May began discussion with details relating to the draft report.
Discussion points included:
 - The City of Austin's Families and Children Task Force shared the same thoughts regarding affordable housing as the representatives from Ortega
 - A developer felt that having a required Educational Impact Assessment would just be another reason to delay or even prohibit a project
 - Affordable housing does not fall within the direct charge of the committee nor is it within the authority of AISD, although the district should advocate for affordable housing
- Joey Crumley provided an overview of the input received on the committee's draft recommendations. He also explained the standard format used for district committee and task force reports.
- The committee discussed the deadline for the final report. Mr. Crumley said that the report would need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the April 28 Board presentation.
- Rachel Proctor May directed discussion to address finalizing the committee's report.
Discussion points included:
 - Including a "best practices" section
 - Rewording the translation section to say "Spanish with other languages as needed"
 - The process for repurposing an under-utilized school should also be applied to repurposing a former school building back into a regular school (e.g., Baker)
 - Clarify in the report that a timeframe of five years is only for schools that are rebuilding with strong community participation
 - There should be a minimum of two weeks for announcements and notifications
 - Regular, predictable meetings are useful for parents

- Do not de-emphasize the importance of meetings, but provide other means of providing input
 - The existing “findings” section is confusing and should be redone
- The committee then discussed in more detail how affordable housing should be address in the report. Highlights of the discussion included:
 - Affordable housing affects enrollment, and thus the over-crowding and under-utilization of schools
 - There should be multiple statements for AISD support of efforts to increase affordable housing in the report
 - But still need to make sure the district does not appear to have authority in affordable housing
 - The report should contain a bolder statement in support of affordable housing, and perhaps use the Ortega community as an example
 - The district should sit down with the city and county, especially the housing authorities, to discuss what is going on with East Austin schools
 - Property owners, non-profit agencies, and developers affect affordable housing, and efforts to provide affordable housing should include them
 - The findings section could also include information about the effects of affordable housing in Austin and the general effect on student experiences
- The committee then moved discussion to issues affecting future implementation of the report. Highlights of the discussion included:
 - This type of project has the possibility to fail unless there are steps for implementation
 - Someone has to be guiding the implementation of the report after it goes to the Board for review:
 - The Facilities Use and Boundaries Task Force could be responsible
 - Staff could be hired to address this
 - The leadership style of the superintendent is especially important
 - Some members felt there should be a joint city and school district task force
 - School-neighborhood liaisons in the district would be useful:
 - This should be someone that would support community efforts to create innovative programs
 - Parent Support Specialists might act in this capacity
 - Budget recommendations have been made for 2008-2009 to include some new employees as well as additional funding to provide support for communication, collaboration, and translation services
 - The committee may want to think about listing budgetary implications in the report
 - It is important to emphasize that there are different levels of commitment, such as simply making better use of existing resources
- The committee then addressed other issues regarding the draft report. Discussion points included:

- The best practices section should also include innovative ideas to boost enrollment in under-utilized schools
- The district should share resources with individual campuses to support them in their marketing efforts
- The report should have language about making the capacity formula clear and having staff available to respond to specific questions
- Concern over having citizen communications at the beginning of Board meetings instead of corresponding with specific agenda items
- Perhaps the district should have a “State of the District” public meeting
- Dr. Guerrero then asked whose names should appear on the report, given that several members had poor attendance and had not provided input into the committee’s recommendations. It was agreed that members would be contacted to determine if they wanted their names to appear on the report.
- Deadlines for the final report were determined to be April 14 for providing text to staff, April 17 for sending the final report to the Board, April 21 for presenting the final report to Cabinet, and April 28 for presenting the final report to the Board.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

CCNS Member Attendance Record:

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	5/22	6/12	6/26	8/14	8/28	9/11	9/25	10/9	10/23	11/13	11/14	11/27	12/4	1/8	1/29	2/12	2/26	3/25	4/8
Andy Anderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sally Brackett	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓
Terry Clark	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Christiane Woodley Erwin		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓										
Chiquita Watt Eugene																			
Lourdes (Lulu) Flores	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											✓
Linda Gibeaut	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓		✓	✓	✓			
Rev. Sterling Lands	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓										
José Marrero	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Rachael Proctor May	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Susan Moffat	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Leroy Nellis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yolanda Pedraza	✓	✓		✓															
Rev. Ivie Rich	✓		✓																
Paul Saldaña	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓				
Alfredo Santos	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓								
Kathie Tovo	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Jim Walker	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	

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