

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
June 20, 2006

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Dr. David Duty, Dr. Janis Guerrero, Joey Crumley

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the May 16, 2006 minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Citizens Communications

- There were no citizens communications.

Committee Reports

- Cheryl Bollish highlighted recommendations of the Teacher Compensation Task Force.
- Ramon DeJesus reminded members of additional opportunities to attend public meetings related to high school redesign.
- Mr. DeJesus, Buddy Owen, and Pascual Piedfort provided comment on the recommendations of the Budget Task Force.
- Mr. DeJesus reported that the total amount of available funding fell about \$19 million short of what was anticipated. He said in addition to salary increases, class sizes, and several Education Austin proposals, the task force considered the issue of allocating more resources to high-need campuses.
- Mr. Owen felt the district's budget process was severely broken. He said many campuses cannot effectively meet their needs, and the process does not adequately address disparities between campuses in teachers and resources.
- Mr. DeJesus felt the DAC's budget priorities were reflected in the recommendations of the task force. He said the DAC needed to remain a force to be heard in the district.

Selection of DAC Co-Chair and Executive Committee

- The formal election process being waived, the DAC selected Dr. Jane Ross to continue to serve as Co-Chair by affirmation.
- Also by affirmation, the DAC selected ten members to serve on the Executive Committee.

Proposed Policy and Regulation Revisions

- Dr. David Duty summarized proposed revisions to Local Policy and Regulation FNCE, dealing with Student Code of Conduct. Specifically, the proposed revisions dealt with student use of cell phones, pagers, and other telecommunications devices. Dr. Duty explained that advances in technology have resulted in numerous uses for these devices which can be disruptive.
- Dr. Duty said that high school and middle school students must keep these devices turned off and out of sight during the school day on school property, and that elementary school students are not allowed to bring them to school at all. He reported that this was in line with what most other large school districts were doing.
- Dr. Duty informed members that the Executive Committee had previously reviewed the proposed revisions and were generally supportive of them.
- Discussion points included:
 - Need to make sure dealing with cell phones is not a major part of a teacher's day
 - Need to communicate these revisions thoroughly to students and parents
 - May be difficult to enforce, but needs to be enforced uniformly
 - Several comments of general support
- The DAC did not take a formal vote on this item.

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Forgione spoke to the proposed 2006-2007 district budget. He said he had listened to what the DAC, Budget Task Force, and other groups had to say.
- Dr. Forgione said a major point in the proposed budget was a 7.5% salary increase and a 1.5% benefits increase for all employees (with senior headquarters staff receiving only a 6% salary increase). He said this was above and beyond what Education Austin had proposed.
- Dr. Forgione said he was please with the proposed budget. He said some people may still be disappointed, but it was important for the district to stay within its means. He said we need to ensure our financial status.
- Dr. Forgione said we need to provide greater incentives to certain positions in order to retain our best leaders. He said it was important to keep competitive, especially within the regional market.
- Discussion points included:
 - The district needs to reserve as much funding as possible and keep its bond rating up
 - Most teachers would give up some of their raise if the funding could go to the schools with the greatest need
 - Need to show results when asking taxpayers for more money

Proposed 2006-2007 Federal Funding Initiatives

- Julie Lyons presented proposed 2006-2007 federal funding initiatives, involving allocation of funds under Titles I, II, IV, and V of No Child Left Behind. She pointed out that she recently reviewed this information with the Executive Committee, and received preliminary input from the DAC at an earlier meeting.

- Ms. Lyons reported that AISD was receiving an increase under Title I, and the increase was one of the largest in the nation. She explained, however, that under certain of the other Titles funding had been decreased.
- Ms. Lyons pointed out that she had provided, at the request of the Executive Committee, a list of Title I campuses with funding allocations.
- The DAC did not take a formal vote on this item.

Updates

- Joey Crumley reported that the Task Forces on African American and Hispanic Education and Quality of Life had recently completed their work and presented their final reports to the Joint Subcommittees of the AISD Board of Trustees and Austin City Council. Executive summaries of the reports were provided.
- Mr. Crumley also reported that the first annual assessment of the AISD Strategic Plan would be getting underway soon, and provided a calendar of major steps in the process. He said he hoped some related activities could be worked into the DAC's upcoming annual retreat.
- Mr. Crumley said he was still looking for DAC volunteers to serve on a planning committee for the upcoming retreat. He said the planning committee approach worked well last year.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

District Advisory Council Member List and Attendance (Rev. 06/20/06)	2006					2007					
	6/20	8/15	9/19	10/17	11/21	1/16	2/20	3/20	4/17	5/15	6/19
Karen Stevens, Parent, Kealing JH (1/2)	✓										
Pam Gonzalez, Teacher, Highland Park ES (1/2)											
Mary Ghazinezhadiansh, Teacher, McCallum HS (1/1)											
REAGAN VERTICAL TEAM											
Shanntell Colvin, Parent, Norman ES (1/1)											
Audrey Cedillo, Parent, Graham ES (1/1*)											
Martha Dolman, Teacher, ALC (1/1)											
Kathy Ryan, Teacher, Hart ES (1/1)	✓										
TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM											
Ramon DeJesus, Parent, Travis HS (5/2*)	✓										
Adolphus Anderson, Parent, Rodriguez ES (2/2)	✓										
Marie Harpin, Teacher, Travis HS (1/1)											
Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Teacher, Fulmore MS (2/2)											
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS											
Pat Butler, Mills ES (2/1)											
Cornel Jones, Norman ES (1/2)											
Janie Ruiz, Gullett ES (2/2)											
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS											
Jane Ross, Pearce MS (4/1)	✓										
Julia Fletcher, Bailey MS (2/1)											
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL											
<i>Vacancy</i>											
ACPTA REPRESENTATIVES											
Pascual Piedfort, South (1/1)	✓										
<i>Vacancy, North</i>											
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES											
Wayne Krause, Texas Civil Rights Project (1/1*)	✓										
Amy Averett, Austin Voices for Education & Youth (2/1*)	✓										
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE											
Linda Klar, Gilleland Creek Press Association Services (2/1*)											
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE											
Sonia Conrad, Information Technology (1/1*)											
DISTRICT-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE											
Julie Lyons, Accountability (2/1)	✓										
AT-LARGE MEMBERS											
Alberto Gonzalez, Parent, Fulmore MS (3/1*)	✓										
Dennis Petrash, Parent, Patton ES (1/1*)											
Vicki Baldwin, Principal, Garza HS (2/1*)	✓										
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE (ex officio)											
<i>To Be Determined</i>											

= Total number of terms appointed/Year of current term

* = Appointed by DAC Executive Committee

Name in Bold = Co-Chair