

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
August 15, 2006

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Dr. Pat Forgione, Dr. Darlene Westbrook, Dr. Janis Guerrero, Martha Garcia, Joey Crumley

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 16, 2006 and June 20, 2006 meetings were approved.

Citizens Communications

- There were no citizens communications.

Committee Reports

- Brief reports were given related to Travis High School Redesign and Teacher Compensation and Supports.

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Forgione described several aspects of an upward trajectory in the district's progress, including TAKS results, NAEP results, and graduation rates. He said that although significant progress has been made, more work still remains.
- Dr. Forgione went over his budget recommendations for the next two school years, including proposed salary and benefits increases for all employees and stabilizing the district compensation package, proposed tax schedule, replenishing the fund balance, restoring art/music/PE programs in elementary schools, and implementing performance-based pay for teachers and principals.
- Dr. Forgione announced that several new principals had been hired, with many of them coming from within the district. He provided a revised district organizational chart and said that he felt he had a strong leadership team.
- Discussion points included:
 - Why the district is still involved with the Institute for Learning
 - Achievement gaps in TAKS results
 - Greater accountability and effort needed by parents, students, and teachers
 - The community's standards ultimately outweigh state and federal standards
 - Kids need to realize that they can succeed, and we need to change out attitudes about what can happen

- More inclusion is still needed in Special Education
- There needs to be a continued focus on English Language Learners
- Redesign efforts need to be expanded to include middle schools

Bilingual Program Update

- Martha Garcia stated that after Special Education students, Limited English Proficient (LEP) students were the lowest-achieving. She said that most states now have significant LEP populations. She pointed out that it is a misconception that most LEP individuals are immigrants, with most being American citizens. She said that the growing number of LEP individuals has critical implications to our continued economic status if we do not address their needs and provide them with a quality education.
- Ms. Garcia provided a progress report on year-one implementation of her program strategic plan and went over year-two goals.
- Discussion points included:
 - More Spanish speakers needed in campus offices
 - The district also has large numbers of Vietnamese and Korean speakers
 - More bilingual Parent Support Specialists are needed
 - Teachers and staff need more opportunities to learn Spanish
 - It is important that native-born Mexican-Americans are not neglected
 - Changes will be occurring soon in the dropout standard
 - Older LEP students entering our system is a particular challenge

DAC Annual Retreat

- Joey Crumley announced that the annual DAC retreat would be on September 19 at the Norris Conference Center. He said an agenda had been drafted including certain plenary sessions as well as a variety of concurrent sessions, based on input from the Executive Committee. He said the Executive Committee would finalize the agenda at its next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 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											
Edmund Oropez, Lanier HS (1/1)		✓									
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)											
Johna Edwards		✓									

= Total number of terms appointed/Year of current term

* = Appointed by DAC Executive Committee

Name in Bold = Co-Chair