

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
August 21, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Janis Guerrero, Planning & Community Relations

Joey Crumley, Planning & Community Relations

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.

Citizens Communications

There were no citizens communications.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 19, 2007 regular meeting were approved.

Member Introductions

- In addition to the new members that were seated in June, Joey Crumley announced that the following people had recently joined the DAC: Jill Stimson, Librarian, Hill ES; Jane Hampton, ACPTA; Shannon Sellstrom, Assistant Principal, Dawson ES; Jasmine Thum, Student, LASA.

Texas Educator Excellence Grants, Cycle II

- Julie Lyons, Director for State and Federal and State Accountability, presented proposed Texas Educator Excellence Grant, Cycle II campus implementation plans. She reported that 20 campuses were involved and had been working very hard to meet the September 6 TEA submittal deadline.
- Ms. Lyons explained that providing incentive pay to classroom teachers was the focus of the grant, although some funds could be used for other purposes, and this varied from campus to campus.
- Ms. Lyons said that Cycle III of the program would show closer alignments with the district's strategic compensation initiative. She added that more information on the program was available on the TEA web site.
- Ms. Lyons stated that the Superintendent and Cabinet had seen the plans and that DAC approval was required prior to final submittal of the plans.
- The DAC moved to approve the plans for submittal to TEA.

Revisions to AISD Strategic Plan

- Joey Crumley reported that the AISD Strategic Plan had been recently revised, based on the recommendations of a stakeholder task force appointed by the Superintendent. He said the Vision for 2010 and the priorities of the plan had not changed; however, some of the strategies and performance indicators had changed.
- Mr. Crumley added that the Strategic Plan web site had been revamped to include archival information and several planning resources.

Revisions to DAC and CAC Bylaws

- Mr. Crumley reported that the DAC Bylaws had recently been revised, but only a few changes had been made. He said that student representatives had been added to the DAC membership, and the selection processes for parent and teacher representatives had been changed to give the DAC Executive Committee more responsibility.
- Mr. Crumley also reported that the CAC Bylaws had recently been revised. He made note of a two-page list of highlights provided to campuses. He explained that major changes included clarification of the role of the principal, selection processes for certain members, and alignment of agendas with Campus Improvement Plans.

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Forgione reported that several AISD buses had been sent to South Texas in preparation for possible storm relief.
- Dr. Forgione announced that the slogan for this school year would be "A universe of opportunities for every child."
- Dr. Forgione said the Board was still deliberating over the proposed 2007-2008 budget. He said that the district was working very hard to fill all teacher and campus staff vacancies. He said that over 800 teachers had been hired. He added that the majority of principals hired were from within the district.
- Dr. Forgione stated that the district as a whole had met state and federal accountability requirements, but we must still address unevenness among campuses and put resources where they are most needed. He said that we would be tightening instruction at all schools.
- Dr. Forgione said he was optimistic about Johnston. He said he was bringing in First Things First there and had built a strong leadership team, but attendance remains a major obstacle to continued progress. He added that the Ann Richards School was opening and LASA was becoming a separate campus.
- Dr. Forgione said the Board had given direction for an interim bond initiative involving a relatively small amount of perhaps \$200 million. He explained that in the longer term more new schools would need to be added.
- Dr. Forgione said that overall district enrollment continues to grow, with about 800 students being added this year, but the growth is not evenly dispersed.
- Dr. Forgione said that staff development was being provided on a new student data management system that he was very excited about.

DAC Annual Retreat

- Mr. Crumley informed members that the DAC annual retreat would be on September 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Norris Conference Center located in Northcross Mall. He stated that the Executive Committee was still working to finalize the agenda for the retreat.
- The co-chairs explained that the focus of this year's retreat was on campuses, specifically providing assistance to academically struggling campuses. Reference was made to a proposal previously presented by Dr. Forgione for the DAC to establish a pilot program for such assistance.

Information on Campus Accountability Ratings

- Janis Guerrero provided a draft of information to be provided to principals on campus accountability ratings for use at upcoming Back to School Nights. She said it was particularly important for parents of academically struggling campuses to receive this information.
- Comments from members included:
 - A glossary of terms might be needed
 - The language needs to be more user-friendly; as is, it will not be understandable by most people
 - Show comparisons to other schools
 - Show levels needed to meet accountability requirements

Committee Reports

- Andy Anderson reported that the Community Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools was moving into its public input stage, after having spent several weeks on reviewing a considerable amount of data and information.
- Ramon DeJesus reported that pilot schools had been identified for the Strategic Compensation initiative, but the schools still needed to accept. He said the pilot program would help show what works and what does not. He said the initiative was getting a lot of national attention.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

District Advisory Council Member List and Attendance (Rev. 06/12/07)	2007						2008					
	6/19	8/21	9/18	10/23	11/20		1/15	2/19	3/18	4/15	5/20	
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES												
Jasmine Thum, LASA	N/A											
<i>Vacancy</i>	N/A	N/A										
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE (<i>ex officio</i>)												
Johna Edwards, Board Secretary (1/2)	✓	✓										

/ # = Total number of terms appointed/Year of current term ★ = Co-Chair