

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
October 21, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Mark Billingsley, AISD, Systemwide Testing
Dee Carney, AISD, District and Campus Accountability
Joey Crumley, AISD, Planning & Community Relations
Dr. Lupita Garcia, AISD, Student Support Services

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 16, 2008 annual retreat were approved.

Citizens Communications

There were no citizens communications.

TEA Waiver Request

- Mark Billingsley, Director of Systemwide Testing, presented a waiver request to TEA to allow high school seniors who have already met TAKS passing requirements to come to school late on TAKS testing days. Mr. Billingsley said this would allow more staff to be free to assist in the testing. He explained that should any seniors need to report to school in the morning at the usual time, transportation would still be provided and the students would have structured activities.
- The DAC moved to recommend to the Board that the waiver be submitted to TEA.

2008-2009 District Improvement Plan

- Dee Carney, Coordinator of District and Campus Accountability, went over the proposed Needs Assessment and Performance Objectives for the 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan (DIP). She said the identified needs and areas for district improvement were similar to those from last year.
- Discussion points included:
 - Discipline data represent the total number of incidences rather than discrete number of students
 - The DIP and Campus Improvement Plans (CIPs) align at the goal level; DIP and CIP end goal targets are the same, but individual CIPs have their own incremental improvement targets

- Language will need to be added to the Special Education objective regarding over-representation of certain student groups
 - Some of the AYP data appears to be lower than it should, and may be mistakenly entered
- Joey Crumley went over a draft memo to the Board conveying the recommendations of the DAC, based on input from the DAC Planning Committee and Executive Committee. The memo addressed: 1) agreement with the DIP Needs Assessment; 2) certain changes to the Performance Objectives; 3) language in the Special Education objective more appropriate for inclusion in the appended Education Action Plan; 4) the need for the district to act on establishing incremental improvement targets at the district level; 5) the need for explanatory notes for certain data tables; and 6) a request for follow-up reports on Special Education and causal factors for low performance.
- The DAC moved to forward the memo to the Board as presented.

2009-2010 Instructional Calendar

- Dr. Lupita Garcia, Director of Student Support Services, presented two draft instructional calendars currently under consideration for the 2009-2010 school year. She said key issues of discussion for the Calendar Task Force included semester lengths, holidays, and the timing of breaks.
- Dr. Garcia explained that input on the draft calendars was gathered from principals, teachers, parents, and Campus Advisory Councils (CACs). She then presented calendar comparisons from several other school districts.
- Discussion points included:
 - Both calendar drafts take into account benchmark testing
 - The Calendar Task Force should include DAC representation
 - Having two different calendars for the elementary and secondary levels would be confusing for most parents
 - Different arguments for change of semesters before or after the winter break
 - Provide more time for discussion next year
 - The FAQs are very useful, but should probably have more on the pros and cons of semester change and break options
- A vote was called on this item, and the DAC voted 25-5 to recommend support of Calendar Draft A to the Board.

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Forgione was unable to attend the meeting.

Reports from Other District Committees

- Jill Stimson reported that the DAC Budget Committee would be trying to have its first meeting next week.

Adjourn

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

District Advisory Council Member List and Attendance (Rev. 10/21/08)	2008						2009				
	6/17	8/19	9/23	10/21	11/18		1/20	2/17	3/24	4/21	5/19
AKINS VERTICAL TEAM											
Christina DeWinne, Parent, Akins HS (2/1)		✓	✓	✓							
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>											
Maria (Lupe) Ramos, Teacher, Perez ES (1/2)				✓							
Jamie Heilingoetter, Teacher, Langford ES (1/1)			✓								
ANDERSON VERTICAL TEAM											
Narda Fisher, Parent, Hill ES (1/1)											
Laura Tuma, Parent, Davis ES (2/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Melissa Prepster, Teacher, Murchison MS (1/2)			✓								
Jill Stimson, Librarian, Hill ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
AUSTIN VERTICAL TEAM											
Vickie Black, Parent, Fulmore MS (4/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Buddy Owen, Parent, LASA (5/2)		✓	✓	✓							
Amy Cavness, Teacher, Casis ES (1/1)	✓	✓		✓							
Dounna Poth, Teacher, Patton ES (1/1)	✓		✓	✓							
BOWIE VERTICAL TEAM											
Doug Jansen Parent, Bailey MS (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Donna Casteel, Parent, Bailey MS (2/1)				✓							
Vicki Everett, Teacher, Bailey MS (3/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
<i>Vacancy, Teacher</i>											
CROCKET VERTICAL TEAM											
Tammy Henderson, Parent, Cowan ES (1/2)											
Kevin Manzke, Parent, Cunningham ES (1/2)	✓		✓								
Linda Johnson, Teacher, Odom ES (3/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Marcie Goltz, Teacher, Boone ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
JOHNSTON VERTICAL TEAM											
Hilda Villalobos-Alvarez, Parent, Ortega ES (1/2)	✓	✓									
Alicia Riva, Martin MS (1/1)											
Angela Hinz, Teacher, International HS (1/1)	✓		✓	✓							
Sarah Robertson, Teacher, Metz ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
LANIER VERTICAL TEAM											
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>											
Linda Rodriguez, Parent, Burnet MS (1/1)											
Isabel Cano, Teacher, Cook ES (2/2)		✓	✓	✓							
Patricia Croghan, Teacher, McBee ES (1/2)											
LBJ VERTICAL TEAM											
Betty Johnson, Parent, Pearce MS (1/2)	✓		✓	✓							
LaDonna Massad, Parent, LASA (1/2)	✓	✓	✓								
Susan Levett, Teacher, Andrews ES (1/2)				✓							
Jon David Saucedo, Teacher, Sims ES (2/1)	✓	✓		✓							

District Advisory Council Member List and Attendance (Rev. 10/21/08)	2008						2009				
	6/17	8/19	9/23	10/21	11/18		1/20	2/17	3/24	4/21	5/19
McCALLUM VERTICAL TEAM											
Varshna Narumanchi-Jackson, Parent, Lee ES (2/2)		✓	✓	✓							
Kathy Golden, Parent, McCallum MS (1/2)	✓		✓	✓							
Frederick Bentley, Kealing MS (1/1)		✓	✓								
Mary Ghazinezhadiansh, Teacher, McCallum HS (2/1)		✓	✓	✓							
REAGAN VERTICAL TEAM											
Bernice Herrera, Parent, Graham ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓								
Anthony Mitchell, Walnut Creek ES (1/1)	✓	✓									
Martha Dolman, Teacher, ALC (2/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Kathy Ryan, Teacher, Hart ES (2/1)	✓	✓	✓								
TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM											
★Ramon DeJesus, Parent, Travis HS (6/2)	✓	✓	✓								
Adolphus Anderson, Parent, Rodriguez ES (3/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Carla Lantz, Teacher, Mendez MS (1/1)	✓	✓	✓								
Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Teacher, Fulmore MS (3/2)			✓	✓							
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS											
Linda Purvis, Baranoff ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓								
Shannon Sellstrom, Dawson ES (1/2)	✓		✓	✓							
Janie Ruiz, Gullett ES (3/2)		✓	✓	✓							
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS											
Sherry Lepine, Small MS (1/1)	✓		✓	✓							
Stephanie Childs, Bailey MS (1/2)											
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL											
Julieanne Arreola, Akins HS (1/1)	✓		✓	✓							
ACPTA REPRESENTATIVES											
Pascual Piedfort (5/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Lisa Chromcak (1/1)											
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES											
Wayne Krause, Texas Civil Rights Project (2/1)		✓									
Yvonne Meyer, City of Austin (1/2)	✓			✓							
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE											
Linda Klar, Klar Communications (3/1)		✓		✓							
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE											
Earlynn Williams, Student Services (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
DISTRICT-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE											
★Jane Ross, PBS Specialist (5/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
AT-LARGE MEMBERS											
Alberto Gonzalez, Parent, LASA (4/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Dennis Petrash, Parent, Patton ES (2/1)	✓			✓							
Mollie Guion, Instructional Specialist, Martin JH (2/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓							

District Advisory Council Member List and Attendance (Rev. 10/21/08)	2008						2009					
	6/17	8/19	9/23	10/21	11/18		1/20	2/17	3/24	4/21	5/19	
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES												
Mallory Catherine Bayer, LASA (1/1)			✓	✓								
Grant McClure, McCallum HS (1/1)			✓	✓								
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE (ex officio)												
<i>To Be Determined</i>												

/ # = Total number of terms appointed/Year of current term

★ = Co-Chair

Bold = Executive Committee Member