

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
November 18, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Laurie Barber, AISD, Andrews Elementary School
Cheryl Bradley, AISD, Board of Trustees
Cheryl Bibbs, AISD, Pearce Middle School
Kevin Brackmeyer, AISD, Executive Principal
Diana Coy, AISD, Andrews Elementary School
Debra Cripe, AISD, Pearce Middle School
Joey Crumley, AISD, Planning & Community Relations
Dr. Paul Cruz, AISD, Associate Superintendent
Margarita Decierdo, AISD, Diversity
Laura Dolan, AISD, Pearce Middle School
Charlotte Dotson
Aldama Filemón, AISD, Pearce Middle School
Laura Fitzpatrick, AISD, Pearce Middle School
Dr. Pat Forgione, AISD, Superintendent
Gary Garcia
Dr. Janis Guerrero, AISD, Planning & Community Relations
Dr. Bergeron Harris, AISD, Educational Support Services
Martha Mahan, AISD, Pearce Middle School
Jorge Meave, AISD, Pearce Middle School
Carlos Thorsen, AISD, Andrews Elementary School
Nancy Tolbert
James Troutman, AISD, Pearce Middle School
Raffy Vizcaino, AISD, Executive Principal
Pam Wade, AISD, Parent Support Coordinator
Mark Williams, AISD, Board of Trustees
Juan Zea, AISD, Pearce Middle School

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. in the cafeteria of Pearce Middle School. Dr. Jane Ross, DAC Co-Chair, welcomed attendees and said the DAC was pleased to be holding this meeting at Pearce as part of the DAC's ongoing effort to provide assistance to campuses and opportunities for two-way communications.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 21, 2008 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Update on Superintendent Search

- Mark Williams, President of the Board of Trustees, provided an update on the search for a new superintendent. Mr. Williams provided a revised position profile, based on considerable community input previously received.
- Mr. Williams described the work to date of the search firm contracted by the Board to identify prospective candidates for the position. He said the Board had not yet seen any actual names.
- Mr. Williams said he thought the process was going well. He said this position was an attractive one, as well as the community and region.
- Mr. Williams explained that it is important to maintain confidentiality of the applicants, because many of them do not want their current employers to know they are applying for the position. He said we did not want to lose any good candidates.
- Mr. Williams said updates on the superintendent search are provided at every regular Board meeting, and the special website is also updated regularly.
- Mr. Williams concluded by saying the Board would like to bring finalists to the public by February.

Reagan-LBJ Vertical Team Coalition

- Dr. Bergeron Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Support Services, provided an overview of the new Reagan-LBJ vertical team coalition. Dr. Harris said the focus of this initiative is closing achievement gaps.
- Dr. Harris explained that the two vertical teams would be conducting the same type of learning and sharing best practices.
- Dr. Harris reported that a special event for the two vertical teams was held recently, at which Ron Ferguson of Harvard provided training to staff and community members focusing on excellence with equity.
- Dr. Harris introduced Margarita Decierdo, Director of the district's new Diversity Department.
- Dr. Harris concluded by saying several other outreach and engagement activities were planned through the coalition.

Conversation with Pearce Community

- Dr. Ross the Pearce administrative staff and Executive Principals. She also asked Campus Advisory Council (CAC) members to introduce themselves.
- Dr. Ross asked attendees to share what is going well with their CAC and what is not going well, and to share ideas on how the DAC might be able to provide assistance.
- DAC member Vickie Black facilitated the conversation. Several people shared their thoughts, including:
 - Improving information flow and communications are very important
 - Not always sure what the right questions are and when to ask them
 - Need more access to information in making campus budget decisions
 - Perhaps DAC can give help in budget training
 - It is critical for parents and community members to become involved
 - It is sometimes difficult to know when to cut discussions off at meetings
 - In developing agendas, it is a good practice to allow sufficient time for items likely to generate a lot of discussion

- It would be a great idea for the DAC or ACPTA to provide leadership training to CAC co-chairs
- It is important to build trust and relationships
- It is valuable to get students involved in CACs
- Need to abide by bylaws, but not so strictly that it stifles meetings
- It is necessary to get kids engaged to make them successful
- Pearce is getting beat up by the media; the Pearce community needs to be shown more support and appreciation
- Need to emphasize that CAC meetings are open to the public
- There are many good things going on in the Eastside
- CAC meetings could benefit from having someone with knowledge of parliamentary procedures
- It might be useful to have a special webpage to post school success stories

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Forgione thanked the Pearce community for caring, and stressed that we must make a difference at Pearce.
- Dr. Forgione said we need to change instruction and set clear expectations.
- Dr. Forgione said a million extra dollars were being put into Pearce. He said if Webb could turn things around, so can Pearce.
- Dr. Forgione commented that the Parent Resource Room at Pearce is outstanding.
- Dr. Forgione concluded by saying we must continue to focus on the classroom and kids, not adults.

Adjourn

Dr. Ross thanked everyone for coming, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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	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)	✓	✓		✓	✓					

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES												
Mallory Catherine Bayer, LASA (1/1)			✓	✓	✓							
Grant McClure, McCallum HS (1/1)			✓	✓	✓							
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE (ex officio)												
Lori Moya, District 6, Secretary (1/1)												

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

★ = Co-Chair

Bold = Executive Committee Member