

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
February 17, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Joey Crumley, AISD, Planning Supervisor

Martha Garcia, AISD, Executive Director of Bilingual Education

Carolyn Hanschen, AISD, Management Information Systems

Janna Lilly, AISD, Director of Special Education

Melody Parrish, AISD, Director of Management Information Systems

Milan Sevak, AISD, Special Assistant to the Superintendent

Ann Smisko, AISD, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Steve West, AISD, Interim Chief Financial Officer

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the January 20, 2009 regular meeting were approved.

Citizens Communications

- There were no citizens communications.

Update on AISD Parent Connection

- Melody Parrish, Director of Management Information Systems, explained that Parent Connection is an online system for parents to check on student grades, assignments, and attendance. She said the system was successfully piloted at six campuses in the fall and rolled out district-wide in January.
- Ms. Parrish reported that about 17% of parents have currently signed on, with targets of 30% by May and 50% by September. She said several promotional events are underway and that community interest is high. She said educating parents about the system is the biggest challenge.
- Ms. Parrish said the system and related information is available in Spanish. She said several parents were signed on to the system at the recent La Feria district-wide event.
- Ms. Parrish explained that campuses are setting up designated computer access points for parents, and that each campus has a Parent Connection facilitator. She added that there is also a technical assistance phone line.

- Discussion points included:
 - Campuses with the lowest participation rates are probably the ones that need to use the system the most
 - Broad community outreach is currently going on in cooperation with the district Communications Office
 - Campus facilitators and libraries are helping parents set up user accounts
 - In some cases, it may take longer to get student grades posted on the system

Overview of 2009-2010 Budget Process

- Steve West, Interim Chief Financial Officer, explained that a budget workshop was recently conducted by the Board. He said Board approval of the 2009-2010 budget calendar and budget assumptions was scheduled for later in February.
- Mr. West stated that not everything concerned with the budget is static and that some things may change, such as legislation.
- Mr. West reported that a Citizens Budget Review Committee (CBRC) is now being formed, and that the district efficiency study is well underway. He also reported that the DAC's budget priorities for 2009-2010 had been received.
- Mr. West stated that the attitude of the current Legislature toward education seems to be more positive than in the past. He said the budget landscape is largely shaped by economic conditions, and the district is looking at such issues as employee health insurance and compensation, fund balance, unfunded initiatives, and additional staff and facility needs.
- Mr. West explained that key budget assumptions include student-based revenues, tax revenues, and staff formulas. He said the budget/spending rate per year has outpaced combined enrollment/inflation growth, and we can't continue to rely on the fund balance.
- Mr. West stated that his goal was to have the proposed district budget 95% complete by the first part of June.
- Discussion points included:
 - Inflation will probably become more moderate
 - The district uses a contracted demographer to project growth rates, but projections can't be expected to always be right on the nose
 - New schools are opening up, but as soon as they do they're already busting at the seams
 - Compared to other districts around the state, there seems to be a more proactive approach here with better communications
 - Continued support for library resources should be a budget consideration
 - The role of the DAC and the community has been pushed off to the tail end of the process, and this is largely a rubber stamp role that needs to be improved
 - The CBRC will also be looking at the overall budget process
 - The CBRC will consist of 18 members appointed by the Board, with broad representation as a key goal; the function of the committee will be to provide recommendations to the Board for consideration
 - The budget process needs to be more open and transparent
 - A number of groups need to be consulted to identify mutual concerns

Proposed Process and Schedule for 2009-2010 District and Campus Improvement Plans

- Joey Crumley, Planning Supervisor, presented a proposed process and schedule for the 2009-2010 District Improvement Plan (DIP) and Campus Improvement Plans (CIPs).
- Mr. Crumley explained that the main difference over previous years was having the Board provide guidance on a standard set of district and campus goals and performance objectives at the beginning of the process. In previous years, district and campus goals and performance objectives were not entirely the same, and the Board ended up approving the DIP and over 100 CIPs at the end of the process as late as December of January. The proposed process would generate CIPs in the September to October timeframe, much closer to the beginning of the school year.
- Mr. Crumley said he would be asking for volunteers to form a DAC subcommittee to consider a draft set of standard district and campus goals and performance objectives, with DAC approval targeted for March 24 and Board discussion and final approval targeted for April.
- The DAC moved to provide support for the proposed process and schedule.

Proposal for SECAC and ELLCAC to Become Adjunct Committees of the DAC

- Joey Crumley explained that two options were being presented to the DAC for consideration at this time: (1) formal amendments to the DAC bylaws; and (2) a memorandum of agreement.
- Mr. Crumley said bylaws amendments would be necessary if new membership positions were to be created, even if those positions were ex officio, and that bylaws amendments must be approved by the Board. He explained that in the memorandum of agreement no new membership positions would be created, rather liaisons to the DAC.
- Discussion points included:
 - Special education and ELL students make up a large portion of our total student population
 - The DAC can learn from SECAC and ELLCAC, and they can learn from us
 - Include the terms “pilot” and “in consultation with the DAC” in the memorandum of agreement
- The DAC moved to support the memorandum of agreement, with two members in opposition.

Update on District Efficiency Study

- Milan Sevak, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, reported that the district efficiency study was currently underway. He asked members to turn to the person next to them and briefly identify areas for improved efficiency.
- Mr. Sevak announced that there would be an open house conducted by the consultants on February 19 at Martin Middle School. He explained that the open house is part of an overall effort to gain community input. He said a survey of AISD employees had already been conducted, as well as focus group discussions with the DAC Executive Committee, principals, teachers, and several other groups. He added that online comments are also being gathered.

- Mr. Sevak explained that the efficiency study will have several phases, including data collection, comparisons with other districts, and community input.
- Discussion points included:
 - Need to make sure the recommendations are specific to AISD needs
 - A lot of people aren't aware of the budget to any great detail
 - The consultants are making site visits to certain campuses
 - The consultants will also be engaging the CBRC
 - There will be another public forum toward the end of the study
 - It would be helpful to see how much of the budget goes to various things

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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	06/17	08/19	09/23	10/21	11/18	01/20	02/17	03/24	04/21	05/19
AKINS VERTICAL TEAM										
Christina DeWinne, Parent, Akins HS (2/1)		✓	✓	✓			✓			
Kay Manis, Parent, Menchaca ES (1/2) <i>Resignation 08/08</i>										
Adolphus Anderson, Parent, Rodriguez ES (3/2) Effective 11/08					✓	✓	✓			
Maria (Lupe) Ramos, Teacher, Perez ES (1/2)				✓	✓					
Jamie Heilingoetter, Teacher, Langford ES (1/1)			✓							
ANDERSON VERTICAL TEAM										
Stacey Silverman, Parent, Hill ES (3/1) <i>Resignation 08/08</i>	✓									
Narda Fisher, Parent, Hill ES (1/1) <i>Effective 10/08</i>					✓	✓				
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) Reassignment 11/08	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Buddy Owen, Parent, LASA (5/2) Reassignment 11/08		✓	✓	✓						
Michael Supancic, Parent, Austin HS (1/1) <i>Effective 12/08</i>						✓	✓			
Frank Simonetti, Parent, Mills ES (1/1) <i>Effective 12/08</i>						✓				
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)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Marcos Bazan, Teacher, Bowie HS (1/2) <i>Resignation 08/08</i>										
Pam Martin, Counselor, Clayton ES (1/1) <i>Effective 12/08</i>						✓				
CROCKETT VERTICAL TEAM										
Tammy Henderson, Parent, Gowan ES (1/2) <i>Resignation 12/08</i>										
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>										
Kevin Manzke, Parent, Cunningham ES (1/2)	✓		✓			✓	✓			
Linda Johnson, Teacher, Odom ES (3/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Marcie Goltz, Teacher, Boone ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
EASTSIDE MEMORIAL VERTICAL TEAM										
Hilda Villalobos-Alvarez, Parent, Ortega ES (1/2)	✓	✓				✓				
Alicia Rivas, Martin MS (1/1)										
Sarah Robertson, Teacher, Metz ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			

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Angela Hinz, Teacher, Intl. HS (1/1) Reassignment 11/08	✓		✓	✓						
Mary Alsobrook, Teacher, Allan ES (1/1) Effective 12/08						✓	✓			
LANIER VERTICAL TEAM										
Lourdes Flores, Parent, Wooldridge ES (2/1) Removal (Due to Absences) 10/08										
Darin Mattke, Parent, McBee ES (1/1) Effective 12/08										
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) Reassignment 11/08	✓	✓	✓							
Nicole Miller, Parent, LBJ (1/1) Effective 02/09										
Susan Levett, Teacher, Andrews ES (1/2)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Jon David Saucedo, Teacher, Sims ES (2/1)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
McCALLUM VERTICAL TEAM										
Varshna Narumanchi-Jackson, Parent, Lee ES (2/2)		✓	✓	✓			✓			
Kathy Golden, Parent, McCallum HS (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) Reassignment 11/08	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Margaretta Simmons, Teacher, Graham ES (1/1) Effective 01/09						✓	✓			
Kathy Ryan, Teacher, Hart ES (2/1)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM										
★ Ramon DeJesus, Parent, Travis HS (6/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Adolphus Anderson, Parent, Rodriguez ES (3/2) Reassignment 11/08	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Vickie Black, Parent, Fulmore MS (4/2) Effective 11/08					✓		✓			
Carla Lantz, Teacher, Mendez MS (1/1)	✓	✓	✓			✓				
Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Teacher, Fulmore MS (3/2)			✓	✓		✓	✓			
SPECIAL CAMPUSES VERTICAL TEAM										
Buddy Owen, Parent, LASA (5/2) Effective 11/08							✓			
LaDonna Massad, Parent, LASA (1/2) Effective 11/08					✓	✓	✓			
Angela Hinz, Teacher, International HS (1/1) Effective 11/08					✓	✓				

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Martha Dolman, Teacher, ALC (2/1) <i>Effective 11/08</i>					✓		✓			
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)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Jane Hampton (1/2) <i>Replacement (by ACPTA) 08/08</i>										
Lisa Chromcak (1/1) <i>Effective 08/08</i>										
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 MS (2/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES										
Mallory Catherine Bayer, LASA (1/1) <i>Effective 09/08</i>			✓	✓	✓					
Grant McClure, McCallum HS (1/1) <i>Effective 09/08</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE										
Lori Moya, District 6, Secretary (1/1) <i>Effective 11/08</i>							✓			

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