

**AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Summary of Regular Meeting**  
**November 15, 2011**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Member Attendance**

(See attached list)

**Others in Attendance**

Desiree Accosta, AISD, Linder ES  
Mark Billingsley, AISD, Systemwide Testing  
Joey Crumley, AISD, Campus and District Accountability  
Skyler McIntosh, Student, St. Edward's University  
Lewis McMahon, Student, Texas State University  
Charla Merrel, AISD, Career and Technology Education  
Christy Rome, AISD, Intergovernmental Relations  
Paul Shooter, AISD, Human Resources  
Dr. Gloria Williams, AISD, School, Family, and Community Education

**PROCEEDINGS**

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.

**Approval of Minutes**

- The minutes of the October 20, 2011 annual retreat were approved.

**Citizens Communications**

- Desiree Accosta, teacher from Linder Elementary School, stated that: planning guides need to be kept simple and mastered; the district web design is hard to navigate; and collaborative meetings need to be more effective.

**Consent Items**

- The DAC approved two TEA waiver requests on consent: TAKS testing schedule; CTE course credits

**2012-2013 School Calendar**

- Dr. Gloria Williams, Director of School, Family, and Community Education, and Paul Shooter, Director of Human Resources Services, presented two draft calendars for the 2012-2013 school year from the Calendar Task Force.
- Discussion points included:
  - Even though it looks like we're adding more instructional days, we're actually just starting to catch up with the state minimum requirement
  - Online and telephone surveys of parents were conducted
  - Concern over early release days coinciding with parent conferences
  - Late start days are important for professional development
  - There are creative ways within a traditional school calendar to get various activities done
- The DAC voted unanimously in favor of calendar Draft A.

## **STAAR Overview**

- Mark Billingsley, Director of Systemwide Testing, provided an overview of the new STAAR state standardized assessment. In addition to the tests being more rigorous, he explained end of course examination and graduation requirements, test retakes, and implementation schedules for test results and standards.
- Discussion points included:
  - Texas kids trying to get into college are competing against kids from other states who don't have these requirements
  - Not doing well on STAAR could negatively impact the course grade of a kid otherwise doing well in class
  - The district is proposing that culminating projects be encouraged over semester exams in courses that have end of course exams
  - How many students will end up taking the alternative tests – is our curriculum rigorous enough for students to meet the new challenges?
  - It would seem to be a conflict of interest for Pearson to design STAAR and also profit from related educational services
  - Teachers and principals have been receiving STAAR training and sharing information with their Campus Advisory Councils
  - There will be a special AISD webpage on STAAR that will be very noticeable
  - We're only getting small glimpses of what the tests will look like, so it's very difficult to fully prepare our kids
  - How can teachers assign course grades in May without the STAAR test results which come out later?

## **STAAR Waiver Request**

- Christy Rome, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, presented a TEA waiver request for a one-year delay in implementing the requirement for EOC exams to count 15 percent of course grades for freshmen students. She said that the waiver request was coming from the Board in response to many concerns from campuses.
- Ms. Rome explained that the STAAR requirements come directly from law, so TEA is not legally able to grant such a waiver. She said that there is no expectation that TEA will grant the waiver, but it will hopefully send a message about the level of anxiety related to implementing STAAR.
- Ms. Rome stated that there does appear to be an interest in pursuing such a waiver among other large school districts in the state, and perhaps AISD taking this step will encourage others to act.
- The DAC voted to support the waiver request.

## **Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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	6/21	8/16	9/20	10/20	11/15	1/17	2/21	3/20	4/17	5/15
<b>AKINS VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Florinda Lewis, Parent, Menchaca ES (1/1)										
Vacancy, Parent										
<b>Vickie Black, Parent, Akins HS (6/1)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Maria (Lupe) Ramos, Teacher, Perez ES (3/1)			✓							
<del>Constance Hicks, Librarian, Kocurek ES (1/1)</del>	✓									
Bonnie Hauser, Librarian, Akins HS (1/1)			✓	✓	✓					
<b>ANDERSON VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Desiree Gaines, Parent, Hill ES (1/1)										
Jennifer Reck, Parent, Davis ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Christy Cochran, Librarian, Murchison MS (1/1)		✓	✓	✓						
Cathryne McNamara, Teacher, Anderson HS (1/1)	✓		✓	✓	✓					
<b>AUSTIN VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
William Brice, Parent, Pease ES (1/2)	✓	✓	✓							
Shelly Grabe, Parent, Zilker ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Teacher, Austin HS (5/1)			✓		✓					
<del>Candi Caporal, Teacher, Oak Hill ES (1/2)</del>										
Tara Miller, Counselor, Austin HS (1/1)				✓	✓					
<b>BOWIE VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Seth Winick, Parent, Kiker ES (1/2)	✓									
Danny Rodriguez, Parent, Bowie HS (1/2)	✓		✓		✓					
<del>Vicki Everett, Teacher, Bailey MS (4/2)</del>										
Sheila Thomas, Teacher, Cowan ES (1/1)				✓						
Anna Sayers, Teacher, Mills ES (1/1)										
<b>CROCKETT VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Julia Ragsdale, Parent, Joslin ES (2/1)										
Vacancy, Parent										
Kevin Manzke, Parent, Cunningham ES (3/1)	✓		✓		✓					
Linda Johnson, Teacher, Odom ES (4/2)		✓		✓	✓					
Beth Ann Cole, Teacher, Boone ES (2/1)										
<b>EASTSIDE MEMORIAL VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Toni Rayner, Parent, Eastside Memorial HS (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						

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Robin Moten, Parent, Eastside Memorial HS (1/2)										
Sarah Robertson, Teacher, Metz ES (3/1)			✓	✓	✓					
Mollie Guion, Instructional Specialist, Martin MS (3/1)										
Lisa M. Hernandez, Teacher, Allan ES (1/1)				✓	✓					
<b>LANIER VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Anna Menchaca, Parent, Lanier HS (1/2)										
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>										
James Wetter, Parent, Pillow ES (1/2)	✓	✓		✓						
Aurora Yvette Flores-Staples, Cook ES (1/2)										
Grace Hadrous, Teacher, Wooten ES (1/1)				✓						
<b>Paul Mitchell, Teacher, Lanier HS (2/1)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>LBJ VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Betty Johnson, Parent, LBJ HS (3/1)		✓			✓					
Linda Sullivan, Parent, Blanton ES (1/1)	✓		✓							
John Garvey, Teacher, Jordan ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Sylvia Brown, Teacher, Garcia MS (1/2)		✓	✓		✓					
<b>McCALLUM VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Kennard Wright, Parent, Lee ES (1/2)										
Wes Amberboy, Parent, Highland Park ES (1/1)		✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Frederick Bentley, Kealing MS (2/2)</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Phillip Thompson, Teacher, McCallum HS (1/1)										
Mary Ghazinezhadiansh, Teacher, McCallum HS (1/1)			✓	✓	✓					
<b>REAGAN VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Margarito Aranda, Parent, Barrington ES (1/2)										
Latrice Pittman, Parent, Reagan HS (1/1)					✓					
Anthony Mitchell, Parent, Walnut Creek ES (2/2)										
Janet Macias, Pickle ES (1/1)										
Margaretta Simmons, Teacher, Graham ES (2/2)										
Maya McElroy, Librarian, Graham ES (1/1)		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Kathy Ryan, Teacher, Hart ES (3/2)	✓	✓	✓		✓					
<b>TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
<b>★Ramon DeJesus, Parent, Travis HS (8/1)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					

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Elizabeth Maldonado, Teacher, Houston ES (1/2)										
Jill Touchstone, Teacher, Houston ES (1/1)				✓						
Jeff Stoops, Teacher, Fulmore MS (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>SPECIAL CAMPUSES VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Linda Gibeaut, Parent, Garza HS (1/1)	✓	✓		✓	✓					
<b>LaDonna Massad, Parent, LASA (3/1)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Angela Hinz, Teacher, International HS (2/2)				✓	✓					
Martha Dolman, Teacher, ALC (3/2)										
Michael Eddins, Teaching Assistant, Rosedale (1/1)				✓						
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS</b>										
Dounna Poth, Assistant Principal, Langford ES (3/1)										
Tammie Workman, Principal, Highland Park ES (1/1)				✓	✓					
Shannon Sellstrom, Principal, Dawson ES (3/1)		✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Janie Ruiz, Principal, Gullett ES (5/1)</b>		✓								
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS</b>										
<b>Sherry Lepine, Assistant Principal, Small MS (2/2)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Raul Moreno, Principal, Paredes MS (1/1)										
Texanna Turner, Principal, Pearce MS (1/1)										
<b>HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL</b>										
Anabel Garza, Principal, Reagan HS (1/1)	✓				✓					
<b>ACPTA REPRESENTATIVES</b>										
<b>Pascual Piedfort (6/2)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Amber Elenz (1/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES</b>										
Michael Supancic (2/2)	✓		✓		✓					
Dennis Petrash (3/2)		✓								
<b>BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE</b>										
Linda Klar, Klar Communications (4/2)	✓	✓								
<b>CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE</b>										
Earlynn Williams, Student Services (2/2)	✓									
<b>DISTRICT-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE</b>										
<b>★ Jane Ross, Learning Support Services (6/2)</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓					

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<b>AT-LARGE MEMBERS</b>										
<b>Alberto Gonzalez (5/2)</b>	✓	✓			✓					
Holly Barnes (1/1)	✓	✓								
<b>Kali' Rourke (1/2)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>										
Adam Samudio, Lanier HS (1/2)										
Mariel Garza, Lanier HS (1/2)										
Evan Stoll, Bowie HS (1/1)					✓					
Katie Young, Anderson HS (1/2)		✓		✓						
Tiffany Chan, Anderson HS (1/2)		✓		✓						
<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON</b>										
*Lori Moya		✓			✓					

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