

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
January 20, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Joey Crumley, AISD, Planning and Community Relations

Martha Garcia, AISD, Bilingual Education

Janis Guerrero, AISD, Planning and Community Relations

Gerard Jimenez, Chair, SECAC

Janna Lilly, AISD, Special Education

Ann Smisko, AISD, Curriculum and Instruction

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of O.Henry Middle School.

New DAC Members

- Dr. Jane Ross announced that several new members had joined the DAC, including Mary Alsobrook, Pam Martin, Darin Mattke, Margareta Simmons, Frank Simonetti, and Michael Supancic.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the November 18, 2008 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Citizens Communications

- There were no citizens communications.

Annual District Report Card Public Hearing

- Dr. Ross and Ramon DeJesus encouraged DAC members to attend the annual joint public hearing with the Board and the DAC on February 2 regarding the AEIS performance report for the district released by TEA, known as the district report card.
- Discussion points included:
 - The time for the meeting with the Board has been changed to 6:00 p.m. to allow for an earlier start
 - This will be a special meeting and not a regular meeting of the Board, so it will be less formal
 - Both the DAC and Board have statutory requirements to hold public meetings on the district report card, and a joint meeting makes sense
 - All of the allotted time on the agenda will probably not be necessary, since few or no people usually show up for citizens communications

- In addition to a presentation on the AEIS data, there will be a brief update from the Associate Superintendents on the status of Academically Unacceptable Schools
- The Executive Committee recommended focusing the DAC and Board dialogue on three specific points – continued use of performance data to inform strategic planning; DAC efforts to reach out to and assist CACs; and the 2009-2010 budget process

DAC Budget Priorities

- Jill Stimson, chair of the DAC Budget Subcommittee, reported that her group met several times during November and December to develop proposed budget priorities for 2009-2010. She said the subcommittee wanted to be responsive to the DAC's previously expressed concerns over providing priorities to the administration earlier in the budget process.
- Ms. Stimson stated that the subcommittee proposed three specific priorities: providing adequate campus technology support staff; reducing 5th grade class sizes; and providing adequate campus literacy specialist staff. She explained that campus technology support staff was included in last year's DAC budget priorities, but was not ultimately included in the district budget. She also explained that the 5th grade was not included in statutory class size caps.
- Ms. Stimson said campuses were very appreciative of the DAC's support of providing additional library resources last year. She said librarians will be working to keep the Board informed of ongoing library resource needs.
- Discussion points included:
 - BTOs will be coming out in March to the campuses
 - The DAC needs to continue pushing to get budget discussions going earlier in the process
 - The roles of Executive Principals are not clear, and the concept of Executive Principals was not vetted with the DAC
 - The efficiency study is very much needed because there is a lot of waste in the district
 - The quarter-million dollar price tag for the efficiency study was a surprise – many people in the district didn't even know about it until it hit the newspaper
 - The cost for the efficiency study is probably in line with the magnitude of the study – and outside party is needed to ensure objectivity
 - Clarification that under the subcommittee's proposed budget priorities some schools would still only have a half-time literacy specialist
 - Technology instruction is a totally different issue than providing technical support staff, and would need to be considered separately
 - Title I funding is based on attendance zone assignments and does not follow mobile students
 - A good part of Title I funding is used for central support
 - International High School gets no Title I funding at all since the students come from all over the district, but these students are definitely in need of the funding
- The DAC approved the recommended budget priorities for 2009-2010 for transmittal to the Board.

Discussion on SECAC and ELLCAC

- Dr. Ann Smisko went over a proposal to make the existing Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) and the upcoming English Language Learners Citizens Advisory Committee (ELLCAC) adjunct committees of the DAC. Dr. Smisko explained that the proposal would elevate the status of all three groups, as well as place greater emphasis on two critical issues affecting many students and families in the district.
- Discussion points included:
 - There are already a number of ways for people to get on the DAC
 - SECAC and ELLCAC need to be encouraged to have diverse memberships, not just parents
 - Clarification that the proposal does not provide actual language for DAC bylaws amendments, rather areas for discussion
 - SECAC and ELLCAC would only bring certain items to the DAC, and provide periodic reports
 - Would also like to see DAC members attending some of the SECAC and ELLCAC meetings
 - SECAC and ELLCAC feel they, and the district, would benefit from this arrangement
 - Some parents associated with these groups have been very vocal and could present challenges to work with
 - Not sure why this is needed
 - Clarification that SECAC and ELLCAC would still be independent groups
 - Why not use tools we already have, like citizens communications, to hear from SECAC and ELLCAC
 - Having SECAC and ELLCAC representation on the Executive Committee is not currently a consideration
 - The proposal adds a level of legitimacy to SECAC and ELLCAC that they don't already have
 - The proposal would also help build SECAC and ELLCAC leadership capacity and provide an umbrella of guidance
 - SECAC is a long-standing group with established bylaws and a working subcommittee structure
 - Concern over providing voting membership and giving special interest groups full membership status
 - Not sure how being on the DAC gives SECAC and ELLCAC any more of the administration's ear
 - Need to see more details on how the DAC is actually going to assist these groups and how this relationship would work
 - The DAC would serve as a model in this arrangement – the DAC is a well respected team that asks good questions and listens
 - The DAC could inform SECAC and ELLCAC goal setting and monitor their progress
 - Would prefer to table this and flesh it out more – it should be obvious that there are concerns with this
 - Is it the Superintendent's perception that this arrangement is needed

- The bottom line should be whether this would enhance student performance and learning
- The DAC did not take action on this item, and referred it back to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

Other Business

- Dennis Petrash expressed concern that the DAC did not have an opportunity to comment on proposed school boundary changes associated with the opening of the new southwest middle school.
- Ramon DeJesus explained that the district utilized the Facility Use and Boundaries Task Force for this purpose. However, he said the DAC could certainly make its desires or expectations known to the new Superintendent.

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

District Advisory Council Membership and Attendance Record (Rev. 01/28/09)	2008					2009				
	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 <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)	✓	✓	✓	✓						

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

★ = Co-Chair

Bold = Executive Committee Member

District Advisory Council Membership and Attendance Record (Rev. 01/28/09)	2008					2009				
	06/17	08/19	09/23	10/21	11/18	01/20	02/17	03/24	04/21	05/19
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 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					✓	✓				

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

★ = Co-Chair

Bold = Executive Committee Member

District Advisory Council Membership and Attendance Record (Rev. 01/28/09)	2008					2009				
	06/17	08/19	09/23	10/21	11/18	01/20	02/17	03/24	04/21	05/19
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>										

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

★ = Co-Chair

Bold = Executive Committee Member