

**AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Summary of Regular Meeting**  
**August 25, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Member Attendance**

(See attached list)

**Others in Attendance**

Erin Bown-Anderson, Academics  
Lisa Bush, Middle Schools  
Alexandra Copeland, Health Education  
Joey Crumley, Innovation and Development  
Dr. Stephanie Elizalde, Superintendent  
Monica Gonzalez, Elementary Schools  
Stephanie Hawley, Equity Officer  
Akweta Hickman, Special Education  
Brandi Hosack, Human Capital  
Dru McGovern-Robinett, Human Capital  
Dawnette McKinney, Special Education  
Dr. Fernando Medina, Human Capital  
Chad Ouelette, Special Education  
Kevin Schwartz, Information Technology  
Matias Segura, Operations Officer  
Arati Singh, Trustee  
Ann Teich, Trustee  
Tyler Vanhook, Innovation and Development  
Jocelyn Vokes, Superintendent's Office  
Michelle Wallis, Innovation and Development

**PROCEEDINGS**

**Preliminaries**

- The virtual meeting via Zoom was called to order by Dr. Jane Ross at 4:01 p.m.
- There were no public comments.

**Superintendent's Update**

- Dr. Elizalde provided an update that included the following points:
  - ☞ Her upbringing, education, and work background.
  - ☞ Her educational philosophy, including: every student and every school; district culture and climate; social and emotional learning; keeping an open mind; student outcomes; and seeking first to understand rather than to be understood.
- Questions and comments included:
  - ☞ Students have high potential, but we have had low expectations.
  - ☞ Every student deserves a good school and a good experience.
  - ☞ With virtual meetings, maybe we can get more diversity among all our committees – diversity makes us strong.
  - ☞ Kids are getting on buses without having their temperatures checked.
  - ☞ We need to know more about which schools are being closed due to COVID.
  - ☞ [Superintendent] Health and safety are at the forefront of our decision-making. We have now been upgraded from Stage 4 to Stage 3; from September 8 to October 2, we will be virtual-only

with students, so no bus routes will be running during this period; keeping up our vigilance as a community is the key to opening up.

- ☞ What are the parameters for closing and reopening campuses?
- ☞ [Superintendent] There are varying recommendations from different agencies, so we have to decide on what parameters to use.
- ☞ The clarity with the Board at their last meeting was appreciated.
- ☞ [Superintendent] When we do open, we want to stay open – going back and forth is not good.
- ☞ Board meetings often go on very late, which is not conducive for many in the community to watch or participate.
- ☞ [Superintendent] This is a Board operational issue, but I myself will become more prepared, which will help move things along.
- ☞ There are health and safety concerns related to schools serving as polling places.
- ☞ [Superintendent] We will definitely work on this.

### Reopening Plan Updates

- Erin Bown-Anderson provided an update that included the following points:
  - ☞ What the first three weeks of virtual school will look like.
  - ☞ We are now guests in the homes of our students.
  - ☞ Equitable access.
  - ☞ Scaffolding, learning modules, and professional development courses for teachers.
  - ☞ Devices being provided to students who need them.
- Lisa Bush and Monica Gonzalez provided an update that included the following points:
  - ☞ Guiding principles and priorities, including health and safety, equitable instruction, and building relationships.
  - ☞ Revised 2020-2021 academic calendar.
  - ☞ Even with all strategies in place, it will be impossible to totally remove the risk of COVID in schools.
  - ☞ Communication and engagement activities, including a dedicated website updated daily.
- Alexandra Copeland and Matias Segura provided an update that included the following points:
  - ☞ Health screenings of students, staff, and visitors.
  - ☞ Social distancing measures, face coverings, frequent hand washing, cleaning protocols, contact tracing, and student-friendly posters.
  - ☞ Following CDC protocols.
  - ☞ Operations checklist, including transportation, food services, furnishings, and outdoor learning.
  - ☞ AISD is doing good at this time in terms of available PPE.
  - ☞ Building refits, including air filters, water bottle filling stations, and plexiglass installation.
  - ☞ Detailed individual facility plans, which will be audited for implementation.
- Kevin Schwartz provided an update that included the following points:
  - ☞ All our supplies for student devices have been secured.
  - ☞ We are meeting demands for providing hot spots.
  - ☞ We are prioritizing service to hard to reach students.
- Questions and comments included:
  - ☞ Concerned over attention given to athletics over academics, and what are we doing with teachers' kids?
  - ☞ [Medina] We are encouraging staff with children to work from home.
  - ☞ Are all staff given the option to work remotely starting September 8 if they don't feel safe?
  - ☞ [Medina] We are ensuring social distancing and proper PPE. Based on a recent survey, most teachers are willing to come back, with certain conditions. We are working with principals to determine the exact numbers of staff working remotely to make sure we're prepared.

- ☞ How are we making sure teachers are getting all the information they need – it shouldn't be left up to individual campus leaders.
- ☞ [Medina] We will commit to work as senior staff to ensure good communications.
- ☞ How do we rigorously enforce everyone wearing face coverings?
- ☞ [Gonzalez] It really will be a community effort – educating the critical importance and making part of our culture. We don't intend at this point to make it a disciplinary issue.

### **Conclusion**

- The meeting was adjourned by Andy Anderson at 6:09 p.m.

**DAC MEMBER ATTENDANCE**  
**October 13, 2019**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Vertical Team</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Present</b>
Trudy Richards	Parent	Akins	Akins	Yes
Joel Bergh	Parent	Akins	Baranoff	Yes
Maria Sebastian	Teacher	Akins	Perez	Yes
Krish Stella	Librarian	Akins	Blazier	Yes
Ryan Hazlett	Parent	Anderson	Murchison	No
Jessica Sanchez	Parent	Anderson	Pillow	Yes
Christy Cochran	Librarian	Anderson	Murchison	Yes
Thuy Nguyen	Teacher	Anderson	Summitt	Excused
Barbara Knaggs	Parent	Austin	O.Henry	Yes
Vera Muñiz	Parent	Austin	Zilker	Yes
Alyssa Potasznik	Teacher	Austin	Austin	Yes
Matt Heisterman	Teacher	Bowie	Kiker	Yes
Emmaleigh Toto	Teacher	Bowie	Gorzycki	No
Zoe Trieff	Parent	Crockett	Sunset Valley	Yes
Kristel Nichols	Teacher	Crockett	St. Elmo	Yes
Ruth Tovar	Parent	Eastside Memorial	Brooke	Yes
Roland Hutson	Teacher	Eastside Memorial	Allison	Yes
Nancy Adames	Parent	Navarro	Navarro	No
Isa Boonto-Zarifis	Teacher	Navarro	Lanier	Yes
Griselda Pena	Teacher	Navarro	Burnet	Yes
Reedy Spigner III	Parent	LBJ	Norman-Sims	Yes
Blanca Galvez-Perez	Teacher	LBJ	Andrews	Yes
Holly Eaton	Parent	McCallum	McCallum	Yes
Lisa Flores	Parent	McCallum	Lee	Yes
Maya McElroy	Librarian	Northeast	Graham	Yes
Claudia Torres	Teacher	Northeast	Webb	Yes
Cesar Benavides	Parent	Travis	Travis Heights	Yes
Marcy Morgan	Teacher	Travis	Dawson	No
Lynn Boswell	Parent	Special Campuses	LASA	Yes
Julia Parker	Teacher	Special Campuses	ALC	Yes
Jennifer Pace	Principal	Not Applicable	Widen	Excused
Rafael Soriano	Principal	Not Applicable	Padron	No
Jess De La Huerta	Princioal	Not Applicable	Dobie	Yes
Dr. Susan Thames	Assistant Principal	Not Applicable	Akins	Excused
Laurie Solis	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Nina Wilson	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Jimmy Counihan	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Dr. Katherine Fugate	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Sondra Marks	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Cathy McHorse	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Heather Shaw	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Stacey Thompson	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Genevieve Dell	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Dr. Deanna Mercer	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
Shannon Gleason	Business	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Billy Pringle	Business	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
Kathy Winfrey	Classified Employee	Not Applicable	Winn	Excused
Laurie Beaman	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Alonzo Blankenship	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Dr. Jane Ross	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes

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Andy Anderson	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Vickie Black	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
LaDonna Massad	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Shannon Meroney	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Paul Mitchell	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Toni Rayner	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Michael Supancic	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Paridhi Latawa	Student	Special	LASA	No