

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
November 15th, 2022

Members Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Dr. Elizabeth Severance, Director of Advance Academics

Dr. Femi Vance, American Institutes for Research (AIR)

PROCEEDINGS

Preliminaries

- The zoom meeting was called to order by Andy Anderson at 4:33pm.

Public Comment

There was no public comment offered at this meeting.

Superintendent Report

Celebrations – National Native American History Month, 3 federally recognized Texas is home to three federally recognized Native American tribes, the Alabama-Coushatta and Kickapoo Traditional Tribes and also the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo of Texas.

Bond - This \$2.44 billion investment in Austin’s schools will free up millions of dollars a year in our operating budget, money that we can use to increase teachers’ salaries and help achieve our goal of becoming the highest-paying district in Central Texas. This funding also will provide the increased security, modern technology and inspiring learning environments that all of our students and teachers deserve. We’re ready to hit the ground running and anticipate that we’ll complete the vast majority of the projects included in the 2022 Bond in the next five years, with all projects delivered within six years.

Trustees Farewell - I would like to formally say Thank you to our outgoing Trustees President Geronimo Rodriguez District 6, Vice President Yasmin Wagner District 7, Latisha Anderson District 1, Kristen Ashy District 4, for their tireless dedication to the students of AISD.

Calendar 2023-2024 – Our district is seeking feedback on the calendar to ensure that our community has an opportunity to review possible changes for the coming school year. Changes were made last year based upon data that was centered on our ALC weekends and how difficult it was for campuses to secure substitutes.

- Balanced Days of instruction vs. Testing Requirements
- Mandated number of minutes 75,500 and 187 teacher contract
- Ensuring alignment to UT Spring Break, 1 week for Thanksgiving and 2 weeks at winter break

Comment about adjusting the elementary/secondary conferences to ensure that secondary has the opportunity to have a staff development day to conduct these requirements.

GT Overview

- Gifted and Talented, AVID, Gear Up, AP & Advanced, International Baccalaureate
- It is a federal program and TEA defines implementation
- All campuses have a GT advocate who have been designated by the principal. That individual sets up screening and leads committee meetings
- Elementary students who qualify are scheduled in GT clusters groups with a trained teacher. Secondary students select advanced courses and all students are offered open enrollment.
- Javits Grant helps to address under representation in the GT population, with that grant we have hired 3 new specialists, increased professional learning and family outreach along with additional enrichment and extension support.

Comment was made about ensuring that new staff reflect the culture diversity of our community along with more staff training for teachers. A follow up comment was made to ensure that ALL students feel welcome when a part of the GT community.

AIR

- AIR's mission is to generate and use rigorous evidence that contributes to a better, more equitable world. Our mission is more than just a statement—it is the foundation of our institution. It inspires our people, informs our work, and drives how we partner with others to improve lives.
- We will address how **district and campus policies** affect students, the extent to which district policies and practices support the recruitment, development and retention of **identity-diverse candidates and employees**, and how **resource allocation** contributes to equity in AISD.

Comment about will this audit review equity through the lens of the law which AIR will not be reviewing. Members asked about specific outcomes/programs of other districts and AIR was not able to provide specifics since the audit is tailored to specific needs of the district.

Future Agenda Items

- Literacy Curriculum EC – 5th geared towards Reading
- SPED/CTE Update

Conclusion

- A motion by Alberto G. and second by Paul M. to end the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Andy Anderson at 6:28 pm.

Membership Attendance

Name	November 15th
Adams, Nancy	A
Amezquita-Navarro, Michelle	A
Anderson, Andy (Co-Chair)	P
Anderson, Christine	A

Barbier, Erin	P
Barrett, Travis	NOTE
Benavides, Cesar	P
Bergh, Joel	A
Bernier, Brian	A
Boonto, Isa (Co-Chair)	NOTE
Cain, Tracy	P
Carter, Jennifer	A
Cochran, Christy	P
Delgado, Hannah	A
Dell, Genevieve	A
Despins, Jennifer	A
Eaton, Holly	P
Ehiyamen, Osezua	P
Fletcher, John	A
Flores, Lisa	A
Fugate, Katherine	A
Gleason, Shannon	A
Gonzalez, Alberto	P
Griffith, Nicole	P
Hecker, Ryan	A
Heisterman, Matt	A
Holiday, Stacie	P
Jarnigan, Stephanie	P
Jessie, Pamela	P
Kelly, Richard	A
Luna, Angela	A
Maldonado, Idolina	P
Marsh, Andrea	P
Mercer, Deanna	P
Mitchell, Paul	P
Morgan, Marcy	A
Nguyen, Thuy	A

Noveilaty, Milana	P
Pace, Jennifer	P
Pena, Griselda	A
Perryman, Kyser	A
Phillips, Casey	A
Prevost, Ashley	P
Rayner, Toni	P
Richards, Trudy	P
Sanchez, Gilma	A
Sanchez, Jessica	A
Shaw, Heather	P
Solis, Laurie	A
Spigner, Reedy	A
Supancic, Michael	P
Tomlinson, Austin	A
Thomas, Jeffrey	P
Tovar, Ruth	A
Wilson, Nina	A
Winfrey, Kathy	A