

**AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Summary of Regular Meeting**  
**November 27, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Member Attendance**

(See attached list)

**Others in Attendance**

Dr. Gloria Williams, School, Family, and Community

Margarita Reyes, School, Family, and Community

Leandra Trevino, 504 Services

**PROCEEDINGS**

**Preliminaries**

- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jane Ross at 4:38 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.

**2019-2020 District Calendar Options**

- Dr. Gloria Williams, Executive Director of the Office of School, Family, and Community, went over the following points:
  - ☞ The Calendar Task Force has drafted three different calendars for consideration.
  - ☞ As always, one calendar option carries over the previous year's calendar structure.
  - ☞ The next school year being a leap year was a factor.
  - ☞ One of the calendar options includes not starting the school year on a Monday.
  - ☞ Each of the three calendar options has a different Thanksgiving break – three days, four days, and five days.
- Discussion points included:
  - ☞ All three Thanksgiving break options would give students five days off.
  - ☞ It would be good if AISD could coordinate with the schedules of surrounding districts to help out parents.
  - ☞ Irrespective of District of Innovation differences across schools, the state requires all districts to adopt a base calendar.
  - ☞ All of the drafts ensure the minimum number of instructional minutes required by the state.
  - ☞ We have always been in sync with UT for spring break.

**Superintendent's Update**

- Dr. Cruz went over the following points:
  - ☞ Board priorities to guide the next five-year district strategic plan.
  - ☞ The district's Theory of Action.
  - ☞ District accountability ratings.
  - ☞ The relationship between enrollment and revenue.
  - ☞ Increasing recapture payments.
  - ☞ Dipping into the district's fund balance is not a sustainable solution.
  - ☞ Affordability of living in Austin is a continuing concern; despite our efforts to increase enrollment, this is a factor out of our control.
  - ☞ Board priorities for next year's budget.
  - ☞ Autonomies to campuses.
- Discussion points included:
  - ☞ Single language testing of bilingual students is a concern.

- ☞ Teachers shudder when they hear students are lost if they aren't on-level by third grade.
- ☞ Even though it's a technical term, CALT can have a negative connotation.
- ☞ Kids learn in different ways, so there can't be a uniform approach.
- ☞ Not every teacher can effectively teach reading.
- ☞ Our number of CALTs is growing.
- ☞ We don't dictate class sizes at the secondary level.

### **504 Program Update**

- Leandra Trevino, Assistant Director of the 504 Program, went over the following points:
  - ☞ 504 is part of a federal law, and is all about providing equal access to educational offerings for students who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
  - ☞ 504 students may receive certain testing accommodations, but not modifications to the test material.
  - ☞ A special committee is designated for each 504 student.
  - ☞ There are differences between 504 and Special Education, although some students may overlap in the programs.
  - ☞ 504 isn't just about dyslexia.
  - ☞ The district has limited staff to support the 504 Program.
- Discussion points included:
  - ☞ District policy is to include parents at 504 meetings.
  - ☞ Qualification for 504 and Special Education services needs to be based on evaluation.
  - ☞ Unlike Special Education, 504 doesn't provide an Individual Education Plan for students; 504 is aimed at preventing discrimination in educational access.
  - ☞ Special Education students also have access to 504 provisions.
  - ☞ The Special Education evaluation considers many criteria.
  - ☞ The DAC will be hearing more on Special Education at a later date.
  - ☞ Parents may make requests for evaluations.
  - ☞ 504 coordinators are trained in recognizing students who may need Special Education evaluations.
  - ☞ The 504 Program needs more evaluators – there are some very long waiting times.
  - ☞ We are working on Spanish language interpretation for dyslexic students.

### **AISD Census Update**

- Due to lack of time, this item was moved to a future date.

### **Conclusion**

- The meeting was adjourned by Andy Anderson at 6:43 p.m.

**DAC MEMBER ATTENDANCE**  
**November 27, 2018**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Vertical Team</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Present</b>
Heather Shaw	Parent	Akins	Perez	No
Lance Lunsford	Parent	Akins	Menchaca	No
Mario Piña	Teacher	Akins	Paredes	No
Wayne Lopes	Teacher	Akins	Menchaca	No
Stacey Thompson	Parent	Anderson	Anderson	Yes
Shannon Meroney	Parent	Anderson	Doss	No
Christy Cochran	Librarian	Anderson	Murchison	Yes
Thuy Nguyen	Teacher	Anderson	Summitt	Yes
Barbara Knaggs	Parent	Austin	O.Henry	No
Vera Muñoz	Parent	Austin	Zilker	Yes
Sedric Pinkny	Teacher	Austin	O.Henry	Yes
Lisa Haney	Parent	Bowie	Clayton	No
Travis Botello	Parent	Bowie	Bowie	No
Daniel Gonzalez	Teacher	Bowie	Bailey	No
Dawn Dammann	Teacher	Bowie	Gorzycki	Yes
Zoe Trieff	Parent	Crockett	Sunset Valley	No
Brenda Flores-Dollar	Parent	Crockett	Crockett	No
Kristel Nichols	Teacher	Crockett	St. Elmo	Yes
Roland Hutson	Teacher	Eastside Memorial	Allison	No
Steven Morris	Teacher	Eastside Memorial	Brooke	No
Isa Boonto-Zarifis	Teacher	Lanier	Lanier	Yes
Laurie Beaman	Teacher	Lanier	Lanier	Excused
Betty Johnson	Parent	LBJ	LBJ	Yes
Carrie Griffith	Parent	LBJ	Blanton	No
Daniela Ruiz	Teacher	LBJ	Harris	No
Blanca Galvez-Perez	Teacher	LBJ	Andrews	Yes
Sam Russo	Parent	McCallum	Brentwood	Yes
Julie Ziegelman	Parent	McCallum	McCallum	Yes
Cari Land	Counselor	McCallum	Highland Park	Yes
Yvonne McDaniel	Teacher	McCallum	McCallum	No
Andy Sams	Parent	Reagan	Winn	Yes
Dr. Deanna Mercer	Parent	Reagan	Reagan	Yes
Maya McElroy	Librarian	Reagan	Graham	Yes
Claudia Torres	Teacher	Reagan	Webb	No
Deborah Trejo	Parent	Travis	Travis	Yes
Sandy Chilton	Teacher	Travis	Uphaus	No
Lana Machado	Teacher	Travis	Fulmore	No
Jane MacLean	Parent	Special Campuses	Richards	Yes
Annemarie Read	Parent	Special Campuses	LASA	Yes
Danna Roberts	Teacher	Special Campuses	ALC	Yes
Framy Diaz	Principal	Not Applicable	Cook	Yes
Jennifer Pace	Principal	Not Applicable	Widen	No
Jess De La Huerta	Princioal	Not Applicable	Dobie	No
Dr. Susan Thames	Assistant Principal	Not Applicable	Akins	Yes
Laurie Solis	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Lynn Boswell	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Michael Supancic	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
LaDonna Massad	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Cathy Painter	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No

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Toni Rayner	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Paul Mitchell	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Candace Aylor	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Sondra Marks	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
Cathy McHorse	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Drew Bixby	Business	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Kathy Winfrey	Classified Employee	Not Applicable	Winn	No
Dr. Jane Ross	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Bonnie Hauser	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Alonzo Blankenship	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Andy Anderson	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Vickie Black	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Kevin Manzke	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Kathy Green	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
James Wetter	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Alberto Gonzalez	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
Genevieve Dell	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Connor Fierro	Student	Not Applicable	LASA	No
Sophie Ryland	Student	Not Applicable	McCallum	No
Alternating Trustee	Trustee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Dr. Paul Cruz	Superintendent	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes