AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
February 26, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance
(See attached list)

Others in Attendance
Joey Crumley, Innovation and Development
Dr. Mary Thomas, State and Federal Compliance and Accountability

PROCEEDINGS

Preliminaries
- The meeting was called to order by Andy Anderson at 4:37 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center.
- There were no public comments or items from members.

Superintendent's Update
- Dr. Cruz went over the following points:
  - ☞ The Adelante conference on multiple languages
  - ☞ Several examples of how things have greatly changed
  - ☞ The need for classrooms to also change
  - ☞ Loss of enrollment is not unique to AISD – we're seeing it in other urban districts around the state and nation
  - ☞ We've adopted the equity framework of the National Equity Project
  - ☞ It may be surprising that LBJ High School had the highest rate of students receiving college credits
  - ☞ Trusting relationships are important to student success
  - ☞ The City of Austin recently adopted a resolution in continued support of AISD
- Discussion points included:
  - ☞ Engagement is part of the instructional core – students will learn more for you than from you
  - ☞ It would be good to give students more musical education at earlier ages
  - ☞ A lot of data show that students in the fine arts tend to do better in other subjects
  - ☞ We may need to pursue waivers to accomplish some of our new and different strategies

Title I Update
- Dr. Mary Thomas, Executive Director of State and Federal Compliance and Accountability, went over the following points:
  - ☞ Title I funding is based on census data
  - ☞ The essential reason for Title I is to assist students with the greatest needs
  - ☞ Our Title I funding has continued to go down over the last several years – Austin is losing lower income families due to the high cost of living
  - ☞ This school year we have 75 Title I campuses
  - ☞ Private schools may choose to participate in Title I, and we are charged with passing funding through to them
  - ☞ The expectation is that campuses will not stay on Title I forever – that they will improve
  - ☞ Next school year, 15 campuses will be impacted by Title I funding reductions
  - ☞ Enrollment and program data we use to determine Title I funding is derived on a specific date, and it is set for the rest of the school year

- ☞ Title I funding is for students aged 5-17, but we have certain other grants that go to Pre-K and Early Childhood
- ☞ The upcoming census will have important implications to our Title I funding

- Discussion points included:
  - ☞ We need to get the word out about how important it is to take the census
  - ☞ We also need to get the word out for non-citizens not to be scared to participate
  - ☞ We'll be holding community meetings to help increase understanding of how Title I works
  - ☞ The thresholds for campuses receiving Title I funding are reviewed by the district every year

Census 101 and Data Update

- Joey Crumley, Planning Supervisor, Office of Innovation and Development, went over the following points:
  - ☞ The Decennial Census (DC) is coming up in 2020
  - ☞ The DC is constitutionally mean for one thing – to determine the number of representatives each state has in Congress
  - ☞ The DAC strives to reach every household in the U.S., and participation is mandatory
  - ☞ AISD is already working with the Census Bureau on getting the word out about the importance of participation
  - ☞ A challenge for us in over 85,000 non-citizens living within our boundaries – the Trump administration wants to add a question to the DC about citizenship status, which has received several legal challenges
  - ☞ The U.S. Supreme Court has indicated that it will accelerate the legal process and here this issue in April
  - ☞ The American Community Survey (ACS) is administered every year by the Census Bureau, and it took the place of what used to be the DC "long form"
  - ☞ Only about 3-4 million households across the nation receive the ACS each year – data results are then extrapolated from this relatively small sample size
  - ☞ Although there may be annual variations in the extrapolated data, general trends can still be established, and the ACS is still a valuable planning tool
  - ☞ ACS data are available by many geographic areas, including school districts – data for within AISD boundaries may be different to some extent from that for the City of Austin or Travis County
  - ☞ The ACS does ask about citizenship status, but it hasn't been legally challenged, since the data are estimates only – the DC data are official
  - ☞ Highlights of 2017 ACS data for AISD include: 15.3% population increase since 2008; population increasingly more educated; population below poverty level trending down; birth rate trending down; population below age 5 trending down.
  - ☞ AISD is continuing to lose more of its "market share" of school-age children – charters are a big reason for this, but not the only reason – there are also private schools and home schooling, loss of families due to cost of living, and the size of the market itself declining

Charter School Data Update

- Mr. Crumley went over the following points:
  - ☞ Only charter schools recognized by TEA are being tracked
  - ☞ There are currently 53 charters within or adjacent to AISD, with a total enrollment of 21,924
  - ☞ In some cases, multiple charter campuses are clustered at one location
  - ☞ Most charters are in the eastern, northeastern, and southeastern parts of the district
  - ☞ Whereas charter school enrollment has continued to increase, AISD enrollment has continued to decline since 2012-2013
  - ☞ Charters often start off with just a few grades, then retain students by adding grades each year

- ☞ Only 40% of local charters include any high school grades
- ☞ Last school year, 3 charters were rated IR (compared to 4 for AISD)
- ☞ Most local charters have particularly high percentages of Hispanic and Economically Disadvantaged students – however, a few have particularly high percentages of African American, Asian, or White students

Conclusion

- Due to insufficient time remaining, the Charter School Funding presentation was moved to the next meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned by Andy Anderson at 6:15 p.m.

DAC MEMBER ATTENDANCE
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Name	Category	Vertical Team	School	Present
Heather Shaw	Parent	Akins	Perez	Yes
Lance Lunsford	Parent	Akins	Menchaca	No
Mario Piña	Teacher	Akins	Paredes	No
Wayne Lopes	Teacher	Akins	Menchaca	Yes
Stacey Thompson	Parent	Anderson	Anderson	Excused
Shannon Meroney	Parent	Anderson	Doss	Excused
Christy Cochran	Librarian	Anderson	Murchison	Yes
Thuy Nguyen	Teacher	Anderson	Summitt	Yes
Barbara Knaggs	Parent	Austin	O.Henry	Excused
Vera Muñiz	Parent	Austin	Zilker	No
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	No
Zoe Trieff	Parent	Crockett	Sunset Valley	No
Brenda Flores-Dollar	Parent	Crockett	Crockett	No
Kristel Nichols	Teacher	Crockett	St. Elmo	No
Roland Hutson	Teacher	Eastside Memorial	Allison	No
Steven Morris	Teacher	Eastside Memorial	Brooke	No
Isa Boonto-Zarifis	Teacher	Lanier	Lanier	No
Laurie Beaman	Teacher	Lanier	Lanier	Yes
Betty Johnson	Parent	LBJ	LBJ	Excused
Carrie Griffith	Parent	LBJ	Blanton	Yes
Blanca Galvez-Perez	Teacher	LBJ	Andrews	Yes
Sam Russo	Parent	McCallum	Brentwood	Excused
Julie Ziegelman	Parent	McCallum	McCallum	No
Cari Land	Counselor	McCallum	Highland Park	No
Yvonne McDaniel	Teacher	McCallum	McCallum	Yes
Dr. Deanna Mercer	Parent	Reagan	Reagan	Yes
Maya McElroy	Librarian	Reagan	Graham	Yes
Claudia Torres	Teacher	Reagan	Webb	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	Yes
Jess De La Huerta	Princioal	Not Applicable	Dobie	Yes
Dr. Susan Thames	Assistant Principal	Not Applicable	Akins	No
Laurie Solis	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Lynn Boswell	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Michael Supancic	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
LaDonna Massad	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Cathy Painter	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Toni Rayner	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Paul Mitchell	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Sondra Marks	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Cathy McHorse	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes

Name	Category	Vertical Team	School	Present
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	Yes
Kathy Green	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
James Wetter	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Alberto Gonzalez	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Genevieve Dell	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
Connor Fierro	Student	Not Applicable	LASA	No
Sophie Ryland	Student	Not Applicable	McCallum	Excused
Alternating Trustee	Trustee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Dr. Paul Cruz	Superintendent	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes