

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Annual Retreat
November 13, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Member Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Celso Baez, Communications and Community Engagement
Joey Crumley, Innovation and Development
Amber Elenz, Board of Trustees
Ali Ghilarducci, Communications and Community Engagement
Matias Segura, Operations Officer
Dr. Gloria Williams, School, Family, and Community

PROCEEDINGS

Preliminaries

- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jane Ross at 4:34 p.m. in the Board Auditorium.
- Under public comments, Kristine Garoña spoke against the proposed school changes, saying that they are flawed and not based on equity.
- Items from members included:
 - ☞ The Budget and Finance Advisory Committee is seeking additional members
 - ☞ Status of DAC budget priorities

District Calendar Options

- Dr. Gloria Williams, Executive Director of Schools, Family, and Community, brought three 2020-2021 district calendar options from the Calendar Task Force.
- After briefly discussing main points of each option, individual DAC members expressed their preferences on paper ballots.

Input on Proposed School Changes

- Matias Segura, Operations Officer, went over the following points:
 - ☞ Additional community meetings were held on Version 2 of the school changes.
 - ☞ Version 2 was informed by previous community input.
 - ☞ We heard that we needed to slow down and allow time for better understanding.
 - ☞ We changed some scenarios, withdrew some, and designated others for further discussion and possible future action.
 - ☞ Version 2 now includes 12 proposed scenarios for Board vote on November 18.
- Discussion points included:
 - ☞ We did not use a prescribed process or rubric; rather, we studied other districts and identified best practices.
 - ☞ We've been using a strong equity lens, reinforced by the district's new Equity Officer.
 - ☞ Guiding Principles came from the Board several months ago, with the biggest weight given to academic principles.
 - ☞ Priority was also given to what we could actually implement and fund.
 - ☞ Sanchez and Metz were already collated as a result of a bond project, before the school change scenarios were developed.
 - ☞ Portables are not a good long-term solution – they're too expensive – but they can be useful in a transitional period.

- ☞ Flexible spaces can help relieve overcrowding.
- ☞ Schools involved in consolidations will have transition teams to work closely with everyone involved.
- ☞ Extended school hours will help us better compete with charters – this would be implemented in stages around the district.
- ☞ Before-school and after-school activities will look different at different schools – we will be seeking outside funding and partnerships to enhance these activities.
- ☞ Families would not be obliged to come earlier or stay later.
- ☞ Transportation is something that would still need to be worked out.
- ☞ There still seem to be a lot of things that haven't been thought out thoroughly.
- At the request of several members, Mr. Segura briefly went over the highlights of each scenario.
- Further discussion points included:
 - ☞ A lot of these things aren't really new – we've done them before, and we're doing them now, and they're just not working.
 - ☞ It's important to redefine what makes a highly-effective teacher.
 - ☞ Just indicating whether we each support or don't support each of the scenarios on a piece of paper isn't meaningful input.
 - ☞ The DAC has been giving input in various forms for almost a year – and, after receiving so much input from the community as whole, the Board will probably appreciate a clear, succinct statement from the DAC at this time as they face a vote.

Conclusion

- The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Ross at 6:36 p.m.

DAC MEMBER ATTENDANCE
October 13, 2019

Name	Category	Vertical Team	School	Present
Trudy Richards	Parent	Akins	Akins	Yes
Maria Sebastian	Teacher	Akins	Perez	Yes
Wayne Lopes	Teacher	Akins	Menchaca	Yes
Ryan Hazlett	Parent	Anderson	Murchison	No
Jessica Sanchez	Parent	Anderson	Pillow	Yes
Christy Cochran	Librarian	Anderson	Murchison	Yes
Thuy Nguyen	Teacher	Anderson	Summitt	Yes
Barbara Knaggs	Parent	Austin	O.Henry	No
Vera Muñiz	Parent	Austin	Zilker	No
Alyssa Potasznik	Teacher	Austin	Austin	Excused
Lisa Haney	Parent	Bowie	Clayton	No
Matt Heisterman	Teacher	Bowie	Kiker	No
Emmaleigh Toto	Teacher	Bowie	Gorzycki	No
Zoe Trieff	Parent	Crockett	Sunset Valley	Yes
Kristel Nichols	Teacher	Crockett	St. Elmo	Yes
Anne Alvarez	Parent	Eastside Memorial	Ortega	Yes
Roland Hutson	Teacher	Eastside Memorial	Allison	No
Steven Morris	Teacher	Eastside Memorial	Brooke	No
Isa Boonto-Zarifis	Teacher	Lanier	Lanier	Yes
Griselda Pena	Teacher	Lanier	Burnet	Yes
Reedy Spigner III	Parent	LBJ	Norman-Sims	Yes
Betty Johnson	Parent	LBJ	LBJ	No
Becky Adams	Teacher	LBJ	Overton	Yes
Blanca Galvez-Perez	Teacher	LBJ	Andrews	No
Holly Eaton	Parent	McCallum	McCallum	Yes
Amy Shirey	Teacher	McCallum	Brentwood	No
Tammara Harrington	Parent	Reagan	Winn	Yes
Dr. Deanna Mercer	Parent	Reagan	Reagan	Yes
Maya McElroy	Librarian	Reagan	Graham	Yes
Claudia Torres	Teacher	Reagan	Webb	No
Cesar Benavides	Parent	Travis	Travis Heights	No
Kimberly Harrison	Teacher	Travis	Widen	No
Marcy Morgan	Teacher	Travis	Dawson	No
Jane MacLean	Parent	Special Campuses	Richards	No
Annemarie Read	Parent	Special Campuses	LASA	Yes
Julia Parker	Teacher	Special Campuses	ALC	Yes
Jennifer Pace	Principal	Not Applicable	Widen	No
Rafael Soriano	Principal	Not Applicable	Padron	Yes
Jess De La Huerta	Princioal	Not Applicable	Dobie	No
Dr. Susan Thames	Assistant Principal	Not Applicable	Akins	No
Laurie Solis	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Lynn Boswell	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Jimmy Counihan	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Genevieve Dell	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Kathy Green	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Sondra Marks	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
Cathy McHorse	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Heather Shaw	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Stacey Thompson	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Julie Ziegelman	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No

Name	Category	Vertical Team	School	Present
Drew Bixby	Business	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Shannon Gleason	Business	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Kathy Winfrey	Classified Employee	Not Applicable	Winn	No
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
Andy Anderson	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Vickie Black	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Kevin Manzke	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
LaDonna Massad	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Shannon Meroney	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Paul Mitchell	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Toni Rayner	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Michael Supancic	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
Alternating Trustee	Trustee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Dr. Paul Cruz	Superintendent	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No