

AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Regular Meeting
October 19, 2021

Members Attendance

(See attached list)

Others in Attendance

Dr. Stephanie Elizalde, Superintendent
Dr. Suzanne Newell, Executive Director of Academics
Dr. Jacob Reach, Chief of Intergovernmental Relations & Board Services
Dr. Theresa Arocha-Gill, Executive Director, Special Education
Dr. Cherry Lee, Director Section 504 and Dyslexia
Eduardo Ramos, Chief Financial Officer

PROCEEDINGS

Preliminaries

- The virtual meeting via Zoom was called to order by Dr. Jane Ross at 4:31 pm.
- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Update

- COVID cases continue to decline only 80 total cases between staff and students
 - Adjusted our quarantine protocol and are continuing to seek and follow Austin Public Health, Dell Medical School, CDC guidelines.
 - 77% of our staff is fully vaccinated.
- Budget school year 2022-2023
 - The district has a \$61-million-dollar shortfall some of this can be covered by ESSER funds.
 - ESSER funds are supporting HB 4545 where the district provides tutoring for students before/after school hours in small group ratio.
 - Seeking community input as we develop our 2022-2023 budget.
- Long-Range Planning
 - We are using the equity by design model to make sound decisions based upon needs of our most underserved communities.
 - We are looking at seven facets that have intersectionality as we build a road map for a possible bond election in Nov. 2022.
 - 2017 Bond is 75% complete.
- Weekly campus visits
 - Continue to make multiple campus visits throughout the district each week.
 - Our campuses and staff are doing excellent work and it's exciting to see their pride and joy.

TEA Waiver

- Continue to use the MAP Growth Reading assessment as it gives us more information without taking time away from instruction.

Election of Co-Chair

- Election was held and Adolphus “Andy” Anderson was elected by the members of the DAC.

BQA (LOCAL) & BQA (REGULATION)

- Goals of this work center on 2 facets
 - To create a clearly defined process for all stakeholders.
 - Ensure greater visibility/transparency for our community.
- LOCAL – removal of executive committee, term limits, individual can serve on one district committee but can serve on a CAC along with any other campus committee.
- REGULATION - was created to support equitable practices for representation for campus principals, teacher & parent vertical team, and the remaining DAC members.

Special Education Reimagine / Dyslexia

- Priorities for Special Education Department are
 - reorganization & equitable service, evidenced-based programs & services, and inclusive practices / instruction
- Developing a common definition for inclusion.
- Progress monitoring our current program and developing training for a unified approach.
- 118 Dyslexia Interventionists are allocated to each elementary campus and only 5 of those are centrally allocated and split between campuses.
 - Emphasis on training, consultation, and campus support
- Parent and community invite to Todos Juntos/ All Together community event: Nov 16 – 18

District Budget Report and Priorities

- 709 million-dollars of our budget is sent back to the state under the recapture, this is 44.9% of our entire budget.
- Student enrollment along with ADA, average daily attendance, of our student population is how our district is funded.
- Board policy requires at least 20% of our budget is held to support the district when economic issues arise, such as the pandemic.
- Community invite for “Budget 101 Community Conversations” on Nov. 3rd

Breakout Sessions – Retreat

- Held two breakout sessions
 - Each group discussed Budget Priorities for the coming school year.
 - Possible Agenda items for the remaining meetings.
 - Our current agendas will include a final item with opportunity for additional agenda items.

- Whole Group sessions
 - Share out of each breakout session

DAC Budget Priorities

Student Well-Being & Achievement

Continue to improve our Response to Intervention system that supports ALL student learners with an emphasize on Emergent Bilingual, SPED, and mental health services.

Teacher & Employee Well-Being

Focus on teacher retention along with compensation for teachers when planning is needed to implement new district initiatives.

Culture of Respect / Customer Service

Continue to fund our enrollment program to increase our student population.

Fiscal Stewardship & Prioritization

Examine the cost of specific programs vs. overall expenditure for student academics. Prioritize teaching positions in our district.

Conclusion

- The meeting was adjourned by Andy Anderson at 7:46 pm

Membership Attendance

DAC Members Oct. 19th	Present/Absent
Adams, Nancy	Absent
Anderson, Andolphus "Andy"	Present
Beamna, Laurie	Absent
Bell, Sylvia	Absent
Benavides, Cesar	Present
Bergh, Richard	Present
Black, Vickie	Present
Boonto-Zarifis, Isa	Absent
Carroll, David	Present
Cochran, Christy	Present
Counihan, Jimmy	Absent
DeLaHuerta, Jesse	Absent
Dell, Genevieve	Absent
Despins, Jessica	Absent
Eaton, Holly	Present
Ehiyamen, Osezua	Present
Flores, Lisa	Present
Fugate, Katherine	Present
Galvez-Perez, Blanca	Present
Gleason, Shannon	Present
Gonzales, Alberto	Present
Hecker, Ryan	Present

Heisterman, Matt	Absent
Howell, Katye	Present
Hutson, Roland	Present
Jarnigan, Stephanie	Absent
Knaggs, Barbara	Present
Latawa, Paridhi	Absent
Mancha-Sumners, Emma	Absent
Marsh, Andrea	Present
McElroy, Maya	Absent
McHorse, Cathy	Present
McPike, Kristen	Present
Mercer, Deanna	Absent
Mitchell, Paul	Present
Morgan, Marcy	Absent
Muinz, Vera	Absent
Nguyen, Thuy	Present
Nichols, Kristel	Absent
Pace, Jennifer	Absent
Pamela, Jessie	Absent
Pena, Griselda	Absent
Potasznik, Alyssa	Present
Rayner, Toni	Absent
Richard, Kelly	Absent
Richards, Trudy	Present
Ross, Jane	Present
Sanchez, Gilma	Present
Sanchez, Jessica	Absent
Sebastian, Maria	Absent
Shaw, Heather	Present
Solis, Laurie	Present
Spigner, Reedy	Absent
Stella, Krish	Absent
Supancic, Michael	Absent
Thames, Susan	Absent
Torres, Claudia	Present
Tomlinson, Austin	Present
Toto, Emmaleigh	Absent
Tovar, Ruth	Present
Trieff, Zoe	Absent
Wilson, Nina	Absent
Winfrey, Kathy	Absent

Wolf, Zane	Present
Zamarron, Genoveva	Absent