

**AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Summary of Special Meeting**  
**September 24, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Member Attendance**

(See attached list)

**Staff/Trustees in Attendance**

Lisa Bush, Middle Schools  
Toni Cordova, Chief of Staff  
Joey Crumley, Innovation and Development  
Dr. Stephanie Elizalde, Superintendent  
Monica Gonzalez, Elementary Schools  
Gilbert Hicks, Associate Superintendent, Middle Schools  
Dr. Jacob Reach, Governmental Relations and Board Services  
Arati Singh, Trustee  
Ann Teich, Trustee  
Tyler Vanhook, Innovation and Development  
Yasmin Wagner, Trustee  
Michelle Wallis, Innovation and Development

**Visitors in Attendance**

Julie Bergstrom  
Jared Breckenridge  
Sunee Conly  
Brennan Cruper  
Sandra De Leon  
Diana Fuentes  
Kelly Goran Fulton  
Kristine Garaña  
Mary Ellen Gonzales  
Lara Greene  
Lis Heeley  
Layne Jackson  
Stephanie Jarrigan  
Megan Kressin  
Claire Mathias  
Amy McFadden  
Rachel Pate  
Matt Smith  
Elisabeth Wilborn  
Patricia Williams  
Valeria Zhong  
Allision (only first name appeared in virtual attendance list)  
Eric (only first name appeared in virtual attendance list)

**PROCEEDINGS**

**Preliminaries**

- The virtual meeting via Zoom was called to order by Dr. Jane Ross at 4:30 p.m.

- As this was not a regular meeting, there was no time allotted for public comments.
- Dr. Ross introduced the presenters and acknowledged Trustees in attendance.

### **Proposed Waiver and Asynchronous Plan**

- Dr. Reach and Mr. Hicks went over the following points:
  - ☞ The TEA waiver, which was authorized by the Board, requests to extend the school year transition beyond four weeks.
  - ☞ The waiver requests a phased-in approach, with up to 25% on-campus attendance during the first two weeks of the extension, and up to 50% on-campus attendance during the third and fourth weeks of the extension.
  - ☞ The Asynchronous Plan provides the district flexibility to earn daily attendance through high-quality instructional practices with daily engagement measures. The plan includes both synchronous and asynchronous learning, with blended instructional minutes.
  - ☞ The plan also includes opportunities for related teacher professional development.
- Also present for questions and comments were Dr. Elizalde, Lisa Bush, and Monica Gonzalez. Questions and comments included:
  - ☞ Question: In the future, will be looking at any type of hybrid model?
  - ☞ Answer: It's important that we do have a plan for various scenarios.
  - ☞ Comment: I heard that there may have been some changes to the original reopening plan?
  - ☞ Response: After talking to principals, it's best to stick with the original plan. We will continue to have a lot of conversations.
  - ☞ Question: Around the holidays, we will have more testing?
  - ☞ Answer: We are not currently testing on-site, but we will definitely monitor closely after people come back from the holidays, and we'll continue to monitor of facility safety plans.
  - ☞ Question: Do all staff have to report back on October 5 unless they have an approved accommodation?
  - ☞ Answer: We still have to look at accommodation requests and then decide how to proceed.
  - ☞ Comment: We need more transparency about shut-down triggers.
  - ☞ Response: We're using even stricter protocols than those recommended by health officials.
  - ☞ Question: How have we been listening to voices of people who have no option but going back to campus?
  - ☞ Answer: We did offer a survey to all parents, and we can see the results by individual campus. Very few people have supported returning as if nothing ever happened.
  - ☞ Comment: We can't expect teachers and parents to constantly remind kids to keep their masks on – we have to take care of our teachers' health.
  - ☞ Comment: More teaching assistants are taking on the responsibilities of regular teachers who are out with accommodations.
  - ☞ Response: The survey is still going on, but will soon close, and then we'll be able to assess the situation better.
  - ☞ Question: What happens when students exhibit symptoms?
  - ☞ Answer: Any students showing symptoms will be escorted to an isolation area. All safety protocols will be followed, including contact tracing. All staff are being trained on safety protocols.
  - ☞ Question: Are any problems being encountered with devices and at-home learning?
  - ☞ Answer: There were a lot of technical assistance calls the first week, but they are decreasing greatly.
  - ☞ Question: Is there actually a nurse physically on every campus?
  - ☞ Answer: Not at every campus. Some are on-site at certain times.
  - ☞ Comment: There are a lot of people who are afraid, and we need more transparency about what teachers are really saying.

- ☞ Response: We are definitely listening to teachers and to all stakeholders – we understand their concerns.
- ☞ Question: Are teachers getting ample technical support?
- ☞ Answer: We do need to plan around how many kids can manageably be in a virtual classroom; we are looking at more teacher professional development in this regard.
- ☞ Question: Are staff being tested prior to returning?
- ☞ Answer: Currently, we don't have the capacity, but we are still looking into it.
- ☞ Question: Are athletes being tested before returning to practice?
- ☞ Answer: There is no requirement for this.
- ☞ Comment: Many teachers are very scared to return, as well as their kids.
- ☞ Question: Why aren't athletes being tested?
- ☞ Answer: We were told by local health officials that it isn't necessary. They are required to wear masks when not physically participating in their sports.
- ☞ Comment: Perhaps athletic trainers could help monitor the athletes for any symptoms.

### **Conclusion**

- The meeting was adjourned by Andy Anderson at 5:50 p.m.

**DAC MEMBER ATTENDANCE**  
**September 24, 2020**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Vertical Team</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Present</b>
Trudy Richards	Parent	Akins	Akins	Yes
Joel Bergh	Parent	Akins	Baranoff	Yes
Maria Sebastian	Teacher	Akins	Perez	Yes
Krish Stella	Librarian	Akins	Blazier	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	Excused
Vera Muñiz	Parent	Austin	Zilker	Yes
Alyssa Potasznik	Teacher	Austin	Austin	Yes
Matt Heisterman	Teacher	Bowie	Kiker	No
Emmaleigh Toto	Teacher	Bowie	Gorzycki	Yes
Zoe Trieff	Parent	Crockett	Sunset Valley	Yes
Kristel Nichols	Teacher	Crockett	St. Elmo	Yes
Ruth Tovar	Parent	Eastside Memorial	Brooke	Yes
Roland Hutson	Teacher	Eastside Memorial	Allison	Yes
Nancy Adames	Parent	Navarro	Navarro	No
Isa Boonto-Zarifis	Teacher	Navarro	Lanier	Yes
Griselda Pena	Teacher	Navarro	Burnet	Excused
Reedy Spigner III	Parent	LBJ	Norman-Sims	Yes
Blanca Galvez-Perez	Teacher	LBJ	Andrews	Yes
Holly Eaton	Parent	McCallum	McCallum	No
Lisa Flores	Parent	McCallum	Lee	No
Maya McElroy	Librarian	Northeast	Graham	Yes
Claudia Torres	Teacher	Northeast	Webb	Yes
Cesar Benavides	Parent	Travis	Travis Heights	Yes
Marcy Morgan	Teacher	Travis	Dawson	Yes
Sylvia Bell	Parent	Special Campuses	Richards	Excused
Lynn Boswell	Parent	Special Campuses	LASA	Yes
Julia Parker	Teacher	Special Campuses	ALC	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	Yes
Laurie Solis	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Nina Wilson	ACPTA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Jimmy Counihan	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Dr. Katherine Fugate	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
Sondra Marks	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Cathy McHorse	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Heather Shaw	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Stacey Thompson	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Genevieve Dell	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Dr. Deanna Mercer	Community	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Shannon Gleason	Business	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Billy Pringle	Business	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Kathy Winfrey	Classified Employee	Not Applicable	Winn	Yes
Laurie Beaman	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Alonzo Blankenship	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Dr. Jane Ross	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes

<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Vertical Team</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Present</b>
Andy Anderson	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Vickie Black	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
LaDonna Massad	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Shannon Meroney	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Paul Mitchell	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Toni Rayner	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Michael Supancic	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Excused
Paridhi Latawa	Student	Special	LASA	No