

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 pervious 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.

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
a transitional period.

but they can be useful in

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.

At the request of several members, Mr. Segura briefly went over the highlights of each scenario.

Further discussion points included:

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

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	