



District Education Advisory Council

Minutes for Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 11:30PM
Alamo Heights High School – Oaks Rm

Members Present:

Howard – Lolita Large

Cambridge – Gabby Joseph, Beth Murguia

Woodridge –Debbie Dixon, Alison Vives

Junior School – Susan Frey, David Nungaray

High School – Nicole Lehmann, Michelli Ramon

High School Student Council – Alicia Fleming, Claire Oliver

Parent/Business/Community Representatives – David Adelman, Dr. Ruth Bujanda-Moore,

Dr. John Fitch, David Garcia, Julie Hill, David Hornberger, Audra Kerr, Tracy Maxwell, Richard Peacock, Dr. Kristen Plastino, John Tippit, Renee Wright

Administration – Dr. Frank Alfaro, Dr. Dana Bashara, Sandra Shelton

Members Absent: High School – Dana Cole; Parent/Business/Community Representative – Sara Brouillard, Brian Hamilton

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began at 11:30AM with opening remarks and introductions by Dr. Dana Bashara. Dr. Bashara explained that the members of the DEAC were carefully selected to represent a cross-campus representation to our school district community. Each campus has staff representation, as well as parent / business/ community member representation. Half of the membership is AHISD staff, and the other half is comprised of the parent/ business/ community members.

II. Overview of Roles & Responsibilities of DEAC

The DEAC will assume all advisory responsibilities of the former Education Improvement Council, Student Health Advisory Council, and the Technology Committee. In addition to these duties, DEAC will develop our AHISD profile of a learner through participation in a four day work-session. This team will serve as the “think tank” to create our second phase of planning that enhances our current strategic plan.

III. Business & Planning



A. Members reviewed the DRAFT 2015-16 District Improvement Plan as presented by Dr. Bashara. This plan will be monitored throughout the year for implementation. In the spring, the DEAC will complete the Comprehensive Needs Assessment process as a result of the action items as well as the measures of success defined in the four days of profile work.

B. A proposed 2016-2017 school calendar was presented to DEAC members. Dr. Bashara explained the process to garnering community input into the approval of this calendar. DEAC members will receive a DRAFT format of the 16-17 calendar prior to release of the community survey. Members will review community feedback during the November meeting and make a recommendation for our Board of Trustees.

C. Dr. Alfaro presented our current AHISD local Nutrition Guidelines with a recommendation for inclusive language to reflect the current practices at Howard ECC regarding school-wide celebrations. The language of the new guideline will include the school-wide HECC celebrations: Pow-Wow, Rodeo and Mini – Fiesta. Dr. Alfaro will present this to the Board of Trustees in the September meeting.

IV. Learning Time

Council members participated in learning time focused around the six articles in *Creating a New Vision for Public Schools*

(<http://www.tasanet.org/cms/lib07/TX01923126/Centricity/Domain/111/workingprogress.pdf>)

as a means of setting the stage for the work that will take place in upcoming meetings and discussions. Dr. Alfaro led the learning time discussion.

V. Logistic Reminders

- Council members are encouraged to bring iPads/ Laptops to meetings to access online resources
- Those council members who are parent/ community / business partners will need to secure a photo ID badge from the Alamo Heights School office prior to attending the next meeting. A valid driver's license will need to be given one time to secure entry through this system. After this one time check, badges can be printed for easy pick-up before each meeting.
- Lunch will be provided at all meetings. If there are any dietary constraints, please communicate these with Mari Boyd, mboyd@ahisd.net

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.