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**Alamo Heights Independent School District**

7101 Broadway ◦ San Antonio, Texas ◦ 78209 ◦ Phone 210-824-2483

**District Education Advisory Council**

*Minutes for Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 11:30AM*

*Alamo Heights High School – HS Tech Lab*

**Members Present:**

**Howard** – Michele Johnson

**Cambridge** – Jennifer Deleon, Karen Mueller

**Woodridge** – Jennifer Aderholdt

**Junior School** – Gabby Joseph, Michael McElrath

**High School** – Patrice Bartlett, Lucy Duncan

**High School Student Council** – Estrella Hernandez, Brian Yancelson

**Parent/Business/Community Representatives** – Amanda Bezner, Sara Brouillard, Dr. Ruth

Bujanda-Moore, Kathryn Dehlinger, John Fitch, Tara Gibbs, Claudia Hernandez, Julie Hill, LaJuana

Hill Zaroni, Shannon Kingman, Lisa Krenger

**Administration** – Dr. Frank Alfaro, Dr. Dana Bashara, Dr. Jimmie Walker

**Members Absent:** Randall Davis, Richard Peacock, Sabrina Ramirez, Sandra Shelton

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

*The meeting began at 11:35 AM with Dr. Bashara welcoming the 2017-2018 DEAC Committee. Guests performed brief introductions before reviewing their roles and responsibilities.*

**II. Overview of Roles & Responsibilities of DEAC**

*The DEAC has combined the councils and duties of the formerly known Education Improvement Council, Student Health Advisory Council, and the Technology Committee. The DEAC serves as the district site based decision making team. Members of the team were encouraged to communicate regularly with those groups they represent on the committee. Additionally, the work of subcommittees was discussed with the members as a way of being efficient with the workload of this team.*



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### III. Business & Planning

*A. Community First Health Plans - Myrna Aguilera, Marketing Representative of Government Programs, was present to highlight some of the services Community First Health Plans offers to families who are Medicaid and CHIP eligible.*

*B. Focus Groups - Dr. Bashara explained Focus Groups will be held as a result of the Task Force initiative amongst parents, students, and teachers. The Focus Groups will be held in the Fall and the Spring to monitor the work of Heart of Heights. She encouraged everyone to bring one to three guests at maximum and to sign-up on the DEAC webpage.*

<b>Focus Groups:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>October Dates:</b>	<b>April Dates:</b>
Teacher	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	October 2nd	
Teacher	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.		April 30th
Parent	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	October 4th	
Parent	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.		May 2nd
Student	12:34 – 1:24 p.m.	October 2nd	
Student	12:34 – 1:24 p.m.		April 30th
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Teachers/Parents:</b> Board Room; <b>Students:</b> Design Center		

### IV. Learning Time - Blueprint for Learning

*Dr. Frank Alfaro presented an update of where we are in the work of the Learner Profile. The AHISD Blueprint is the bridge between the Profile of a Learner and the measurement outcomes that we expect for our students as a result of transformative practice. The Blueprint identifies the following points: vision, prepare, purpose, active learning, growth & learning, and reflection and feedback.*

*Dr. Alfaro also highlighted AHISD is in the 2nd Cohort of Engaged Classrooms. The engaged classroom cohort attends to the AHISD Blueprint for Learning in all of their stages of lesson design. Our engaged classrooms transform the way AHISD does education in the classroom.*



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### V. Rotations

*A. Wellness Annual Report - Dr. Alfaro explained the nutrition guidelines for the district based on state regulations. Each campus principal is responsible for the implementation and on their campus. Annual Assessment of Progress on Wellness Goals include:*

- *District food service staff, teachers, and other person shall promote healthy nutritional messages*
- *District deliver nutrition education fostering the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating*
- *District shall allow sufficient time for students to eat meals in the cafeteria in a clean, safe, and comfortable environment*

*B. 2018-19 Calendar Planning – Dr. Bashara presented a draft calendar and asked for feedback regarding recommendations made from last year’s calendar survey.*

*Recommendations from last year included:*

- *2 early release staff development days*
- *Increase in early release days for parent conferences*
- *Ending the semester prior to holiday break,*
- *Consider working families schedules when planning for the break.*

*Dr. Bashara called for volunteers to sign-up for the DEAC Calendar Subcommittee who will further take into consideration recommendations and draft a 2018-2019 calendar to take to the AHISD Trustees.*

*C. District Improvement Plan - Dr. Walker explained the Texas Education Code requires school districts to develop a plan to improve district performance. District and campus plans are developed annually to meet state goals and objectives. Some of this year’s initiatives include:*

- *We will demand all learning to be engaging, personally challenging, and relevant.*
- *We will close the achievement gap.*
- *We will ensure a high-performing faculty and staff to accomplish our mission.*

### VI. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. in the High School Technology Lab.*