



Alamo Heights Independent School District

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District Education Advisory Council

Minutes for Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 11:30AM

Alamo Heights High School – HS Tech Lab

Members Present:

Howard – Michele Johnson

Cambridge – Jennifer Deleon, Karen Mueller

Woodridge – Jennifer Aderholdt, Sabrina Ramirez

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, John Fitch, Tara Gibbs, Claudia Hernandez, Julie Hill, LaJuana Hill Zaroni, Lisa

Krenger, Richard Peacock

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

Members Absent: *Randall Davis, Kathryn Dehlinger, Shannon Kingman*

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began at 11:39 AM with Dr. Bashara welcoming the DEAC Committee.

II. Learning Time - Bond Update

Dr. Kevin Brown, Superintendent of Schools, provided an update about the AHISD bond project. The bond passed with over 80% of the community's vote in the spring. Dr. Brown provided a synopsis of how this bond tied to the Profile of a Learner as it will aid in preparing students for real world life experiences.

Dr. Brown's presentation included pictures of Cambridge including 80 new parking spaces, the 24/7 accessible playground area, and outdoor gathering areas. Pictures of the high school displayed the culinary arts facility, the cafeteria including the coffee shop, and the central plant. Designs also included the Natatorium.



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III. Business & Planning

A. Presentation of Grading for Students in Special Education

Dr. Frank Alfaro shared information regarding new grading policies for special education students enrolled in the Life Skills program. Dr. Alfaro advised he is working with Kris Holliday, Director of Special Education, on policies to present to the Board of Trustees at a future date.

B. Presentation of New Courses at AHHS/AHJS

Dr. Alfaro talked with DEAC about new courses at the high school and junior school. This information will be presented for an approval at the Thursday, November 16th Board of Trustees meeting. Teachers make recommendations for courses they would like to teach and then attain an approval from the department chair and campus principal. New course recommendations at the campuses include:

High School

- *Physical education offerings - crossfit, yoga, etc.*
- *English classes that model college schedules (e.g. class Monday, Wednesday and Friday with office hours designated for Tuesday and Thursday)*
- *World Languages - Latin I Pre-AP*

Junior School

- *Genre based English Classes - Pre-AP as well*
- *Technical Theatre*
- *Pre-Athletics for 6th grade*

C. School Health Advisory Council (SHAC): E-cigarettes (SB489)

Dr. Alfaro provided members with a copy of the vaping letter issued to secondary parents via Monday Mail. This letter provides parents with awareness of what vaping is and the warning signs. Pictures are included to assist parents in identifying what vapes/vaporizers look like and warning signs of usage by adolescents. SB489 requires School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to provide education to students. Dr. Alfaro advised students will be educated at the secondary level in their Advisory period.

D. 2018-19 AHISD Calendar Subcommittee Report

Dr. Bashara explained the DEAC provided input about calendar recommendations at the September meeting. As a follow up, a calendar subcommittee (that included members from all campus levels and parents) met on Monday, October 16th to design the 2018-2019 draft calendar based on statutory requirements and community feedback.

Faculty, parents, and students were then surveyed via Monday Mail beginning Monday, November 7th to Tuesday, November 14th. The DEAC Calendar Subcommittee then met prior to



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today's meeting to review feedback from the surveys. This information along with the 2018-2019 draft calendar will be presented Thursday, November 16 at the Board of Trustees meeting for an approval.

<i>Responses & Survey:</i>	<i>Approval Rating:</i>
250 - Parent / Students	92%
135 - Faculty/ Staff/ Administrator	91%

IV. Review of Progress: Learner Outcome Measures

Dr. Jimmie Walker provided DEAC with an overview of how AHISD is planning to measure learner outcomes specifically tied to one of the six domains of the AHISD Profile of a Learner. The district will be using a nationally-normed survey tool (Panorama Data) along with various samples of student work through artifact collection to progress monitor the 12 different learner outcomes identified.

The surveys have been redone to capture data specific to the Learner Outcomes. The process (now known as Survey Time in '09) will take place in the spring. Previously, students and parents provided their feedback about engagement, relevance, and personal challenge. Questions will now be tailored to the domains of the Profile of a Learner and learner outcomes.

Students are surveyed beginning in 3rd grade and there are different versions tailored to the elementary and secondary level. Teachers and parents will also be surveyed. Last year, Ambassadors and DEAC provided recommendations for how to improve surveys. Some suggestions included: shortening the length of the surveys (recommended under 15 minutes), reminders, the sharing of participation rates and action plans based on the data collected.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the High School Technology Lab.