



District Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, **November 14, 2018**, 11:30AM
Location: Alamo Heights High School – HS Tech Lab

Members Present:

Howard	Michele Johnson
Cambridge	Jennifer DeLeon, Karen Mueller
Woodridge	Jennifer Aderholdt
Junior School	Dr. Yadira Palacios, Kathy Vazquez
High School	Catherine Picot-Priewe
High School Representatives	Carlyle Fuhrmann, Brian Yancelson
Parent, Community, Trustee, Representatives	Amanda Bezner, Kathryn Dehlinger, Tara Gibbs, LaJuana Hill Zaroni, Laura Humphries, Shannon Kingman, Anne Messbarger-Eguia, Perry Shankle, Stacy Sharp, Vicky Soberanes, Dr. Josh Tardy, Matt Till
Administration	Dr. Frank Alfaro, Jamie Locklin, Dr. Jimmie Walker, Cat Widder

Members Absent: Patrice Bartlett, John Hadfield, Sabrina Solis

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began at 11:45 AM with Dr. Alfaro welcoming the DEAC Committee.

II. Overview of Roles & Responsibilities

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.

III. Business & Planning

A. AH Commons Presentation

Richard Mallard, Director of Child Nutrition Services, presented information on the new AH Commons which will be opening in the Fall of 2019. He highlighted some of the proposed changes for designing the new cafeteria. There will be more flexibility in food options, it will continue to service all AHHS students and teachers, and it will feel and look similar to a college campus. The new cafeteria layout will eliminate the need for steam tables and now have a sleek new look with hot and cold plates made of steel and modern glass. Students will even have the option to order ahead at the coffee shop to prevent any delays of them returning to class on time.

B. Update on School Safety Presentations

Dr. Alfaro provided information on the Community Safety Meetings held in early October where parents, staff, administration, and trustees were invited to learn about current safety and security structures in place and provide feedback. It was also mentioned there was a video published on the AHISD website summarizing the meetings. You may review the link here: [Community Safety Meeting Summary \(https://bit.ly/2yVmfj4\)](https://bit.ly/2yVmfj4).

C. 2018-19 AHISD Calendar Subcommittee Report

DEAC will host another Calendar Subcommittee meeting on Thursday, November 29th from 4:15-5:00 PM in the Board Room. TEA's testing calendar for STAAR poses a challenge with the end of school as per the proposed 2019-2020 calendar. State testing would be the last two weeks of school with a STAAR testing of 8th grade Social Studies administered on the last day of school. Administration is actively researching alternatives.

D. Presentation of New Courses at AHHS

Dr. Jimmie Walker, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, highlighted new course proposals at AHHS for the upcoming school year. Dr. Walker first identified the extensive process to recommend and approve courses. Proposed new courses for 2019-2020 include Business Information Management, Technology Aide, Spanish through Film and Media, and Heights Business Accelerator.

E. Update about Feedback February

Dr. Walker encouraged participants to mark their calendars and share the date for Feedback February. The launch date for the surveys will be Monday, February 4th.

IV. Learning Time

A. Focus Group: Grading and Reporting on Student Progress- Dr. Jimmie Walker

Dr. Walker asked participants to gather into groups and review current reporting documents. The groups were to provide affirmations and considerations about AHISD's reporting documents. Dr. Walker encouraged participants to attend the Grading Symposium which will be held on Friday, January 11th, 2019 from 8:00 - 4:00 PM.

V. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m. with a reminder about the next meeting on [February 13, 2019](#) at 11:30 a.m. in the High School Technology Lab.