



District Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, **September 18, 2019**, 11:30AM

Location: Alamo Heights High School – HS Tech Lab

Members Present:

Howard	Leica Flores
Cambridge	Lauren Boyher, Debbie Mainz
Woodridge	Celine Bordelon, Imelda Mora
Junior School	Dr. Yadira Palacios, Veronica Bordano
High School	Venus Davis, Alison Monnich, Catherine Picot-Priewe
District	Dr. Jimmie Walker, Cat Widder
High School Student Council	Barrett Miller
Parents/Community Representatives	Ryan Anderson, Amanda Bezner, Annamarie Falvo, Tara Gibbs, Laura Humphries, Shannon Kingman, Stacy Sharp, Vicky Soberanes, Dr. Josh Tardy, Matt Till, Renee Wright
Administration	Dr. Frank Alfaro, Jamie Locklin, Dr. Jimmie Walker

Members Absent: Paige Bitter, Emma Ramos

I. Lunch, welcome, and introductions

The meeting began at 11:45 AM with Dr. Alfaro welcoming the DEAC Committee. Guests performed brief introductions before reviewing their roles and responsibilities.

II. Overview of Roles & Responsibilities

The DEAC has combined the councils and duties of the district SBDM committee, School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), and the district 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. DEAC Calendar Subcommittee

This sub-committee will be responsible for reviewing the 2020-201 calendar presented later in the Fall to the Board of Trustees. The committee will convene on October 14th from 4:30-5:30 PM at Central Office. Dr. Alfaro called for members to sign-up to participate.

B. Bond Update

Dr. Alfaro provided an update about the Bond. Construction is still taking place across the district. Please visit the Bond Updates webpage to see updates at specific campuses: http://www.ahisd.net/about_the_district/a_h_i_s_d_bond_2017_updates.

C. HS Commons Update

Richard Mallard, Senior Area Foodservice Director, provided an update on the new AH Commons. Mr. Mallard showed before and after pictures of the Oaks Café and the Mule Stall. The Oaks Cafe features 4 stations: pizza/pasta, a grill line, the daily special, and the salad/deli line. The Mule Stall is a coffee and smoothie bar. He reported that usage is up tremendously, and the cafeteria is full every day during lunch.

D. Legislative Updates

Dr. Alfaro updated the committee about Senate Bill 11 (SB11). This bill identifies school safety items and meetings schools must incorporate. Under SB11, Dr. Alfaro will be adding additional District Safety Committee Meetings and increasing membership to include administrators, board members, teachers, and parents.

E. Revisiting our Strategic Direction

In 2019-20, AHISD will embark on a Strategic Action Process that will help us to map out our next five years of priorities to fulfill our mission as a district and our vision for students, embodied in the AHISD Profile of a Learner.

F. Federal Programs Overview

Dr. Walker will be overseeing federal programs for this district. She provided the committee with a breakdown of the different types of federal funds along with the allotment for the 2019-2020 school year.

G. Federal Programs Subgroup

This sub-committee will convene on May 11th from 4:30-5:30 PM in the Central Office Board Room. A sign-up-sheet will be provided in the April meeting.

IV. Learning Time

A. Community-Based Accountability System

Dr. Walker presented information regarding the Community Based Accountability presentation. The state provides a letter grade to schools; however, last school year, Dr. Walker worked with staff and stakeholders to develop a more comprehensive AHISD Community Based Accountability System. The final product can be found at the AHISD website at: http://www.ahisd.net/news/what_s_new/accountability.

V. Rotations

A. Wellness Plan SHAC Annual Evaluation - Dr. Frank Alfaro

Dr. Alfaro will present this information to the Board of Trustees in the October meeting. A copy will be sent to DEAC members later this week for review and feedback

B. Grading - Dr. Jimmie Walker

Dr. Walker presented an update on grading procedures with the committee. In January, stakeholders, staff, and students helped developed framework for grading procedures. The guidelines are posted on the AHISD website at:

<http://www.ahisd.net/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=36719298>.

C. AHISD Character Education update - Dr. Kristen Ascencao

Dr. Ascencao met with DEAC representatives and provided an update about Character initiatives. Howard Early Childhood Center and Cambridge Elementary were recently named Texas State Schools of Character in the spring of 2019. The Alamo Heights Junior School will also be having a trainer from Character.org provide an 1-day inservice in October. The High School Character Education Team will be traveling to Klein High School and District Character Education Team members will be traveling to Wylie ISD (currently the only Texas District of Character) to learn about the Character initiatives happening at their sites.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. with a reminder about the next meeting on **November 13, 2019** at 11:30 a.m. in the High School Technology Lab.