



District Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, **November 13, 2019**, 11:30AM

Location: Alamo Heights High School – HS Tech Lab

Members Present:

Howard	Leica Flores
Cambridge	Debbie Mainz
Woodridge	Celine Bordelon, Imelda Mora
Junior School	Dr. Yadira Palacios
High School Student Council	Venus Davis, Catherine Picot-Priewe
Parents Business Community Representatives	Ryan Anderson, Amanda Bezner, Paige Bitter, Annamarie Falvo, Tara Gibbs, Laura Humphries, Shannon Kingman, Anne Messbarger-Eugia, Stacy Sharp
Administration	Dr. Frank Alfaro, Jamie Locklin, Dr. Jimmie Walker

Members Absent: Lauren Boyher, Vicky Soberanes, Dr. Josh Tardy, Matt Till, Rene Wright

I. Welcome & Introductions

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

II. Business & Planning

A. Strategic Action Planning (Introduction)

Dr. Alfaro provided an update about the district’s current Strategic Action process and timeline to assess current capacity to fulfill the Profile of Learner and to generate strategic goal areas to define future action. He talked about the Discovery Group (55 participants), 27 Focus Groups, 14 Student Focus Groups (grades 5-12) and a Core Group of 7. The focus groups consisted of faculty, members of the community/parents and students. Working with consultants, there was a survey and community wide meeting that was held.

B. Calendar 2020-2021-Dr. Frank Alfaro

The 2020-2021 calendar will basically mirror the calendar from 2019-2020. Survey responses were overwhelmingly positive about this calendar, which will be presented for Trustees approval in the November 21, 2019 regular board meeting.

C. House Bill 18 (HB18)-Dr. Frank Alfaro

Dr. Alfaro explained that HB 18 requires that the SHAC make recommendations about health instruction (K-5): how many hours of instruction will there be and how it will be done. Jimmie Walker and her team did an audit and studied how it would look and added that for each grade level there are health TEKS assigned and documented in district curriculum documents. Additionally, Dr. Alfaro explained that HB 18 requires the SHAC to recommend hours of instruction of mental health versus physical health in secondary courses. At AHHS, health is a requirement for graduation (1 semester course health class). Advisory, 20% of the lessons are mental health and wellness. 30%-Physical Wellness and 50% is Digital Citizenship/Current Events/Study Skills. Dr. Alfaro's recommendation is that we maintain this split between between mental health and physical health coverage, and the group agreed. The group suggested that AHHS consider training students in how to seek mental health assistance after high school, such as in a college setting. Dr. Alfaro said that he would pass along the suggestion to the AHHS advisory and counseling team.

D. Senate Bill 435 (SB435)-Cat Widder

Cat Widder, Wellness Coordinator explained that SB 435 required the SHAC to recommend when kids should have the formal instruction on opioids and what it will be. She recommended, and the DEAC agreed, that she work with the AHJS health teacher to assess what is already covered, identify the minimum curriculum needed, and plan accordingly to comply with this legislative mandate.

E. New Courses for the Junior School and High School-Dr. Jimmie Walker

Dr. Walker explained which new AHJS and AHHS courses will be presented for approval at November 21, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. She explained the process for proposing new courses, which begins each spring, and goes through campus SBDM prior to DEAC and then to the Trustees. The suggestion was made to explore how the HS internship course could be opened to all students instead of just GT students, and Dr. Walker committed to exploring that option and revising, if necessary, prior to the formal presentation to Trustees.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m. with a reminder about the next meeting on **February 19, 2020** at 11:30 a.m. in the High School Technology Lab.