



## **District Education Advisory Council (DEAC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 11:30 AM

**Location:** Alamo Heights Independent School District Board Room

**Members: Present:** Frank Alfaro, Jimmie Walker, Kristen Ascencao, Brian Griener, Cheryl Duckers, Stefanie Hancock, Amy Davis, James Robles, John Sheppard, Olivia Tacker, James Miller, Libby Rokowski, Jamie Powell, Jiya Patel, Audrie Soler, Pablo Arizpe Ochoa, Erin Clementson, John DeKoch, Angel Gonzalez, Emily King, Carrie Lane, Katie Loftin, Lauren McLaughlin, Kristin Payne  
**Absent:** Sarah Tragord, Elizabeth Clifton, Marcus Hervey, Hunter Kingman

### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting began at 11:31 AM with Dr. Alfaro welcoming the DEAC Committee and introducing each member and one guest attendee.

### **II. Business and Planning**

#### **A. DEAC purpose and function: Dr. Frank Alfaro**

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.

#### **B. Presentation and Discussion on Vaping - Dr. Frank Alfaro Discipline/Cat Wider Health Presentation**

Dr. Alfaro shared information regarding a law established in the May 2023 Legislative session that requires mandatory placement in the district Discipline Alternative Education Placement (DAEP) for any student found with vape at school or at a school event.

Cat Widler provided an overview of vaping including the health risks, penalties, devices, substances, and common behaviors that may indicate use of a vape. Ms. Widler reinforced the importance of talking with your children and setting expectations.

#### **C. Presentation and Discussion on Artificial Intelligence (AI) - Brian Grenier**

Mr. Grenier shared information about Artificial Intelligence (AI). Mr. Grenier discussed how AI works and examples of different tools available. K-12 AI hot topics for technology directors are AI basics, the future of AI, and ethical issues for schools.

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Teacher committee members gave examples of how they are already seeing AI used by students, as well as how they are beginning to use AI as an educational tool in the classroom.

**D. Presentation and Discussion of AHISD Community-Based Accountability Pillar I (STAAR, AP scores) - Dr. Jimmie Walker**

Dr. Walker presented data and information on how AHISD stands alongside the state and national levels in terms of student academic performance on STAAR and Advanced Placement (AP) exams. A review of changes that 2022-2023 STAAR underwent were shared with the committee. District focuses are math and writing. In the meeting, the members studied the data and provided feedback. Community-Based Accountability will be a part of future DEAC meetings.

**E. Presentation & Discussion of TEA A-F Accountability Changes - Dr. Jimmie Walker**

Dr. Walker shared that TEA A-F Accountability Ratings have been delayed and are now anticipated to be issued in November of 2023. A review of methodology updates, progress measures, and changes to cut scores were also reviewed with the committee.

**II. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm with a reminder about the next meeting, November 1, 2023 from 11:30 am - 1 pm in the Alamo Heights ISD Board Room

**Meeting dates for next year:**

<b>District Education Advisory Council (DEAC)</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
September 13, 2023	District Education Advisory Council	Board Room	11:30-1:00 PM
November 1, 2023	District Education Advisory Council	Board Room	11:30-1:00 PM
February 14, 2024	District Education Advisory Council	Board Room	11:30-1:00 PM
April 3, 2024	District Education Advisory Council	Board Room	11:30-1:00 PM