



Alamo Heights Independent School District
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District Education Advisory Council

*Minutes for Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 11:30AM
Alamo Heights High School – HS Oaks*

Members Present:

Howard – Dolores Large

Cambridge - Jennifer Deleon, Beth Murguia

Woodridge – Amber Brown

Junior School – Christopher McDow, Gabby Joseph

High School – Lucy Duncan, Nicole Lehmann

High School Student Council – Grant Anderson, Claudeth Garcia

Parent/Business/Community Representatives – David Adelman, Dr. Ruth Bujanda-Moore, John Fitch, David Garcia, Julie Hill, Margaret Judson, Tracy Maxwell, Jenny Seger

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

Members Absent: Sara Brouillard, Kathryn Dehlinger, Debbie Dixon, Brian Hamilton, Audra Kerr, Richard Peacock, Dr. Kristen Plastino, Renee Wright

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began at 11:39 AM with Dr. Bashara welcoming the 2016-2017 DEAC Committee. Dr. Bashara asked the Student Council Representatives Grant Anderson and Claudeth Garcia to introduce themselves and talk about their involvement on campus.



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II. Review or Progress

Engaged Classroom - Dr. Jimmie Walker presented an update on the Profile of Learner. She advised DEAC the first round of student surveys were distributed to parents beginning in October and it would run through November. Dr. Walker advised teacher surveys would roll out in December.

The 17 Engaged Classroom teachers are receiving monthly coaching with Engage2Learn consultants and weekly coaching with AHISD Instructional Coaches. Success is measured alongside the 12 Learner Outcomes from the Profile of a Learner. The AHISD Blueprint for Learning serves as a guide to roll out the Profile of a Learner in classrooms. The district has received baseline data from the Panorama Survey, 206 elementary students, and 744 secondary students that will be compared to EOY data for planning purposes.

Task Force - Dr. Frank Alfaro provided an update on all the initiatives taken from the Task Force developed in the spring of 2016. Thus far, campuses were trained in early October on the 11 Principles of Character Education. Campus representatives attended the National Forum on Character Education in Washington D.C. on October 14-16th.

The Advisory and Parent Education Planning Team completed a "Year At a Glance" with content targets and resources for campus discussions on subjects recommended by the Task Force: social emotional wellness, character education, and digital citizenship. This team was beneficial in developing content for a training on a Campus Professional Development Day, October 10th, to cover mental health, first aid, the Five Forms of Mistreatment, and Character Education.

A half-day parent symposium was held on Saturday, October 29th for a keynote speaker to support the subjects recommended by the Task Force. Dr. Alfaro noted counseling program needs assessment are taking place and this will establish counseling program goals and services for students. During monthly principal meetings, leadership is also provided with reports on implementations on campus such as homework guidelines, 24 Hour Code of Leadership, and discipline.



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III. Learning Time - District of Innovation

Dr. Bashara presented the District of Innovation Plan which is an opportunity, derived from HB 1842, passed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session for public schools to modify state requirements. Administration identified areas of flexibility on state requirements they could then implement from 2016-2021. Some of the prohibited exemptions were district governance, curriculum and school finance. AHISD chose to move forward with the following:

- *Uniform Start Date*
- *Minutes of Instruction*
- *Class Size Ratio*
- *90% Rule*
- *Designated Behavior Coordinator Provisions*
- *Teacher Certifications*
- *Probationary Contracts*
- *Teacher Appraisal System*

A timeline has to be followed for implementation. Today's DEAC meeting serves as a public meeting to hold a vote for approval. The AHISD Board of Trustees will be presented with the adoption of the District of Innovation Plan on Thursday, November 17th. AHISD must notify the Education Commissioner of the intent to adopt the plan and the plan must be posted on the district website for 30 days. The Trustees will vote on December 15th to implement the plan.

The members formed groups within their table to discuss the flexibilities of the exemptions and address concerns. The information was saved into the Google Doc: District of Innovation Plan Brainstorm on the DEAC webpage.

IV. Business & Planning

A. Consideration of AHISD Innovation Plan

Dr. Bashara called for a vote to approve the District of Innovation Plan as presented. Nicole Lehmann made a motion followed by Dr. Ruth Bujanda-Moore who made the 2nd motion. After a call to vote, DEAC unanimously approved the District of Innovation Plan.



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B. 2017-2018 Calendar Subcommittee Report

Dr. Bashara explained that the Calendar Subcommittee met on October 27th to review options for the 2017-2018 school year. Due to the flexibility of the Uniform Start Date, school would potentially start on August 21, 2017 and end May 31, 2018. Members were urged to review the calendar online and participate in the community survey and the Calendar Subcommittee would be meeting in the near future to finalize before presenting to the AHISD Board of Trustees in December.

C. Technology Plan Update

Sandra Shelton provided a presentation on The District Technology Plan for 2016-2021. Mrs. Shelton expressed there are district standards to encourage team planning and sustainability. Centralized purchasing is taking place and there is consistent support and training for teachers and students. For those 17 teachers with Engaged Classrooms, they have provided valuable feedback for the coming years as next year it is projected 60 teachers will have Engaged Classrooms.

Teachers were surveyed on what students are doing in the classroom, what devices are successful, and what barriers they are facing in the classroom. Mrs. Shelton provided an example of a standard classroom versus an Engaged Classroom. Instructional Coaches have played a viable role in training teachers on providing engaging lessons and digital literacy. The goal is by 2018-2019 every student should have some type of mobile device - an iPad, Chromebook, etc.

D. Next Meeting: February 8, 2017 11:30 a.m.

E. Focus Groups:

DEAC members were encouraged to invite 1 to 2 guests to participate in focus groups next year. The sign-in-sheets are available for parents and teachers on the DEAC webpage.



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Focus Groups:	Time:	April Dates:
Teacher	4:00-5:00 p.m.	April 26 th
Parent	6:00-7:00 p.m.	April 26 th
Student	12:25 – 1:15 p.m.	April 27 th
Location:	Teachers/Parents: Board Room; Students: Oaks	

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 8, at 11:30 a.m. in the High School Oaks Conference Room.