



District Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 4:15 PM

Location: Google Meet

Members: Present: Dr. Frank Alfaro, Dylan Corso, Bobby Contreras, Leica Flores, Rene Gomez, Brain Hamilton, Jamie Locklin, Lisa Johnson, Andrea Lowe, Alison Monnich, Cameron Reinelt, Sarah Rossi, Vicky Soberanes, Josh Tardy, Matt Till, Jimmie Walker and Charlotte Bell. **Absent:** Paige Bitter, Celine Bordelon, Annamarie Flavo, Laura Humphries, Anne Messbarger-Eguia, Imelda Mora, Renee Wright

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began at 4:15 PM with Dr. Alfaro welcoming the DEAC Committee. Guests performed brief introductions and reviewed protocols & norms for the virtual meeting.

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. Additionally, the work of subcommittees was discussed with the members as a way of being efficient with the workload of this team.

1. DEAC Calendar Subcommittee: Dr. Frank Alfaro

This sub-committee will be responsible for reviewing the 2021-2022 calendar presented later in the Fall to the Board of Trustees. The committee will convene on October 13th from 4:30-5:30 PM. Dr. Alfaro called for members to sign-up to participate.

B. Phased-I Reopening of Schools & COVID-19: Dr. Frank Alfaro

Dr. Alfaro explained how the district planned and executed the reopening of the campuses for in-person instruction. Dr. Alfaro explained the importance of daily symptom screening, as well as hand washing, face covering, and keeping six feet distance. An advisory council was formed in June with members of the community, parents, a student, and staff that met to assist and plan what the process would be in reopening the district.

C. AHISD Federal Programs Overview: Dr. Jimmie Walker

Dr. Walker presented information on federal funds that AHISD receives and how they are used. She shared with the committee the CARES ACT (Federal Grant) and how this support

was used for COVID related expenses in the district Dr. Walker gave brief descriptions of other grants that may be available to AHISD.

D. AHISD Wellness Plan Annual SHAC Review: Dr. Frank Alfaro

Dr. Alfaro gave information on the goals in four areas that promote student and staff wellness and how this will be achieved on the campuses. Even though the COVID pandemic interrupted our implementation of these goals in Spring 2020, Dr. Alfaro shared that he will present the 2019-20 report to the Board in October to comply with statute.

E. AHISD Teacher Incentive Allotment Update: Dr. Frank Alfaro

The Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) was introduced to the committee. Dr. Alfaro shared that the Texas Legislature allotted funding for the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to distribute to districts. Teachers can earn one of three distinctions on the three levels (Recognized, Exemplary, and Master). In the Spring, the district will be developing guidelines for how the teachers may become eligible for TIA.

F. AHISD Directional System & Vision 2020: Dr. Frank Alfaro

Dr. Alfaro presented the Vision 2020 Actions and goals. He mentioned two big initiatives arising from Vision 2020. First, Care Solace, a mental health concierge available to staff and student families. Care Solace is in addition to the current Deer Oaks Employee Assistance program. Secondly, Dr. Alfaro also told the group about new administrative practices to address discrimination and harassment, especially regarding race.

G. Extracurricular Code Review: Dr. Frank Alfaro

Dr. Alfaro shared that he and Dr. Bashara would like to revise the Extracurricular form to add in reference to discrimination and harassment. He met with the coaches and received feedback and information on the proposed changes. He will be meeting with the campus site based committees to share these revisions.

II. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m. with a reminder about the next meeting on November 11, 2020 at 4:15 pm. The location is to be determined based on public health considerations from the COVID-19 pandemic.