



District Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020, 4:15 PM

Location: Google Meet

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

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. COVID-19 Communications: Dr. Frank Alfaro

Dr. Alfaro reviewed the various ways and times the district communicated information to the staff/employees & to parents, such as livestreams called “Coffee Chat w/the Superintendent,” videos and emails to parents, etc.

B. Calendar Items: Dr. Frank Alfaro

A sub-committee met virtually, October 13th to review and see the instructional days and holidays for students and staff. Dr. Alfaro gave information that the proposed calendar will be posted on the website and a survey will be sent out the week of Monday, November 16th for the community and staff to provide feedback. The survey will close Monday, December 7th. He will review the survey results and calendar recommendation with Trustees in the regular board meeting November 17, 2020.

C. AHHS Proposed New Courses for 2021-2022: Dr. Jimmie Walker

Dr. Walker presented information on the course proposal process and introduced new courses for the Junior School and High School. Dr. Walker highlighted that the new 6 courses will be in the Fine Arts and Special Education departments.

D. District Equity Council: Dr. Jimmie Walker

Dr. Walker gave an update on the Equity Council and its process and formation. She shared that the council is made up of five focus groups and has five goals for the district. The Equity Council met for the first time, November 10th. Dr. Walker stated that an equity and inclusion

survey will be available to the teachers and students/parents of 6th -12th grade the week of November 16th .

II. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m. with a reminder about the next meeting on February 17, 2021 at 4:15 pm. The location is to be determined based on public health considerations from the COVID-19 pandemic.