

Minutes

District Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: Thursday, April 19, 2012
HMWESC – Board Auditorium

Members in attendance: Carla Barnes, Robin Bissell, Alyson Blotcky, Janaeya Carmouche, Andrew Dewey, Reba Goodman, Hermas Grayless, Allison Groce, Earl Jimmison, John Lengers, Deitra Kendrick, Jacqueline McWilliams, Mary Nesbitt, H. Ricky K. Oliphant, Lindsey Olsen, Miguel Orozco, Marie Pousson, Augustina Reyes, Shontel Roberts, Michael Stackhouse, Barbara J. Valentine.

Also in attendance: Terry B. Grier, Chip Zullinger, Michelle Pola, Ann Best, Leo Bobadilla, Daniel Bankhead, Issa Dadoush, Mark Miranda, Bill Horwath, and Ildalia T., Secretary.

Chip Zullinger called the meeting to order at 4:42PM.

Budget Plan

Dr. Grier and Melinda Garrett had discussion on the current budget deficit and projections for the 2012-2013 SY with the DAC. Ms. Garrett provided an overview of the proposed budget plan that was presented to the board earlier in the day.

Feedback

A question was asked regarding layoffs. Dr. Grier commented that every effort is taken at the campus to try to place good qualified employees. Ms. Garrett said there are less special education and bi-lingual students due to decreased enrollment.

Other Questions

A Parent/Community member asked (Dr. Grier), “Are there any outreach programs at the district level to help parents get involved?” Dr. Grier said, yes—the Parent Engagement Committee. A Community Member added – the question is “what can **we** do to help?” Dr. Grier suggested a number of ideas and strategies for increased community involvement in our schools.

Facilities Assessment

Issa Dadoush presented a synopsis of the 2007 Bond Program and updated the group of its success to date. He touched on an energy efficient construction project and the savings benefits for the district.

Feedback

An inquiry was raised of the expected completion date of a renovation project at a campus. DB said to ensure the instructional day is not interrupted they work with campus administrators; as a result, a project may be delayed. DB provided a number to call with inquiries or concerns (713) 556-9250.

Effective Teacher Initiative (ETI)

Ann Best presented an outline of the ETI survey. She discussed the survey results based on the number of participants. She then took a number of questions from the group around the process and worked with the DAC in order to respond with answers to questions.

Feedback

DAC members suggested that the district look at ways to increase the number of walkthroughs and the consistency in walkthroughs from school to school. There were also suggestions about other survey techniques being used to provide feedback in our effective teacher efforts.

District Improvement Plan (DIP)

The DAC Sub-committee provided a review of their meeting on April 17th. They asked DAC members to consider implementing a *school culture survey* focused on school: students, teachers, and parents (safety and expectations).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Actions and Follow Ups

What	Who	When
Parent Community Member inquired on Parent Engagement Committee.	M. Pola	ASAP
Consider implementation of School Culture Survey	DAC Members	ASAP
Send hard copy of ETI presentation to DAC Members	Chip Zullinger	ASAP