

District Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: March 8, 2023

Attendees Present: Christy Dafonte, Erica Deakins, Gregory Thompson, Bradley Wray, Anita Griffin, Deitra Ford-Robinson, Miriam Mulet, Clara Gerard, Elizabeth Chapman, Kristina Rodriguez, Paula Ceaser, Sarah Anthony, Stephanie Witherspoon, Taisha Garner, Daniel Santos, Mrs. Valdez-Franco, Yessica Castillo, Naomi Doyle-Madrid, Roxana Serrano, Miles Sasser, Jenny Beech, Stephen Wright, Roshunda Roberts Jackson, Heather Golden, Janette Lindner, Sara Hall, Ijeoma Anugweje, Charlene Bustamante, S. Izquierdo, Karina, Leticia Ochoa, Ruth Kravetz, Christopher Busby, Jackie Anderson,

- The meeting began at 5:05 pm.
 - Welcome and introduction by Christy Dafonte, DAC Facilitator
 - An overview of collective purpose of the DAC was shared.
 - To promote excellence in education and specialized supports for all HISD students through community representation.
 - The DAC provides valuable input to the Superintendent and his leadership team and the Board of Trustees, who ultimately have decision-making responsibility for the district.
 - Meeting Norms and Padlet Instructions
 - A Padlet was shared to serve as a DAC meeting parking lot for all DAC meetings to enable sharing of questions and comments for future follow-up not directly relevant to the agenda topics of each respective meeting
 - DAC Co-Chair Elections: Conducted via a poll in TEAMS. There were 2 members who submitted votes via email. Winner was Daniel Santos and the winner of the run-off vote between Naomi and Gregory was Naomi Doyle-Madrid. Run-off voting held at end of meeting.
 - Student/Parent Handbook- Roshunda Roberts Jackson, Exec Director Federal & State Compliance
 - This was presentation #2 for Student/Parent Handbook, continuation of discussion from December meeting.
 - Shared link in chat to entire Student/Parent Handbook so members could review and provide feedback on Part 2, starting on page 27.
 - Handbook has been shared with district leadership and selected principals.
 - Provided survey so members could provide feedback on pages 27-end of handbook. . Deadline for feedback is March 24, 2023.

- Dropout Prevention- Glenda Calloway, Exec Director Counseling & Compliance
 - Discussed district plan for drop-out prevention as it pertains to the non-Instructional side.
 - Explained how state calculates and classifies a student as a dropout. Explained deadlines for classifications of students. Explained indicators that qualified students as At-Risk.
 - Brock Re-Engagement Center
 - Discussion of new supports and/or programs starting in 22-23 SY to identify and support At-Risk students.
- TAPR- Robert Reeves, Sr. Manager Performance & Accountability
 - Reviewed 2021-22 TAPR report (which is a lagging report that's not available until the Spring of the following school year.
 - The report covers demographics and STAAR performance broken down by student subgroups/populations and compares HISD performance to the state of Texas as a whole.
 - Overall HISD improved in # of students performing at Meets on STAAR from prior year. However, many subgroups are still performing below the state average performance.
 - Graduation rate is increasing compared to prior year and student drop out is decreasing across all student subgroups.
 - Other topics reviewed include SAT/ACT participation, AP/IB exam participation and performance, College/Career/Military Readiness, Enrollment in Higher Education, Staffing, and Salary.
- Members were instructed to email DAC@houstonisd.org with ideas for June and November meetings where the agenda is still being determined.
- DAC Facilitator discussed District DAC website revamp and displayed the new resources that are now available from the website.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm