

District Advisory Council
December 7, 2009
4:00 PM at Hitchcock ISD Board Room

Members in attendance:

Mike Bergman	Larry Allen	Mary Basurto
Susan Bowles	Theresa Burton	Denise Charlston
Michael Charlston	Phyliss Coleman	Nina Conway
Ethel Gaines	Sue Humphreys	Terri Jones
Cheryl Moffett	Glen Newsom	Blanca Ochoa
Marilyn Peloquin	Eleanor Spells	Susan Thompson

Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose
 - Members present represented Stewart Elementary, Crosby Middle, Hitchcock High, Kids First Head Start, Central Office administration, parents and the community.
 - The agenda was reviewed.
- Examine DAC policy regarding chairmanship
 - Local Policy BQA was discussed to ensure understanding of the chairmanship of the DAC.
 - Discussion resulted in the council agreeing to have Susan Thompson serve in the role of chairperson as designated by the Superintendent.
 - SBDM training for the DAC was also discussed. Susan Thompson will investigate costs and dates to bring training to the DAC in the second semester.
- Consider 2010-2011 Calendar
 - The three campuses representation reported the results of their SBDM teams.
 - The input from the three campus SBDM members was considered in determining the dates on the 2010-2011 calendar.
 - There was unanimous agreement on the final 2010-2011 calendar.
- Review 2009-2010 District Improvement Plan
 - Each board goal, objective and strategy was reviewed with regard to implementation status.
 - It was determined to broaden the Leadership Academy through volunteerism.
- Review 2009-2010 District Staff Development
 - The district initiatives were reviewed.
 - Participants that have participated in the initiatives reported to the professional development they had experienced.

- Consider Dr. Ron Kelley for district/campus presentation(s)
 - Dr. Shirley Price and Mrs. Dianne James had heard Dr. Kelley present at a board conference in the fall and wanted to explore the possibilities of bringing his work to HISD.
 - Susan Thompson presented the information Dianne James had acquired from Dr. Kelley regarding professional development fees.
 - A sample of Dr. Kelley's work was shared through a CD provided by Dr. Shirley Price.
 - It was decided to gather more information regarding schedule of events, student achievement data results and other references.

- Reference current legislature
 - HB 3 graduation requirements were highlighted emphasizing the equivalency CTE courses for mathematics and science.
 - SB 2033 grading policies update included information regarding several school districts filing a lawsuit against the state.
 - Grading guidelines committee in the district has been formulated to review HISD grading practices.

- Inform council regarding school configuration
 - The Board of Trustees meeting on December 15 was announced.

- Closure
 - The meeting closed at 5:30 PM.
 - The next regular meeting is February 8, 2010, at 4:00 PM in the Board Room.