

District Advisory Council
May 3, 2010
4:00 PM at Hitchcock ISD Board Room

Members in attendance:

Mike Bergman	Larry Allen	Susan Bowles
Denise Charlston	Michael Charlston	Phyliss Coleman
William Turner	Terri Jones	Glen Newsom
Blanca Ochoa	Susan Thompson	Sue Humphreys
Cheryl Moffett		

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.
- Stewart Campus Configuration
 - The superintendent reported the Board of Trustees decision to house PreK – 3 at Hitchcock Primary, Grades 4, 5, 6 at Stewart Elementary, Grades 7 – 8 at Crosby Middle and Grades 9 – 12 at Hitchcock High School for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - Other facilities information was shared regarding the new grade configurations:
 - Maintenance is plumbing three classrooms at Stewart Elementary to ready them for science laboratory usage.
 - District nursery will be utilizing one hallway of the Stewart Elementary.
 - All portable buildings should be removed in the district with the exception of the DAEP/AEP facility at the high school.
 - The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to begin with construction for the new high school with completion targeted for the 2012 school year.
- Accountability System for 2010 and 2011
 - The recently released accountability standards set by the Commissioner of Education was shared with the DAC.
 - The mathematics and science standards have increased five percentage points in 2010 from 2009 and will increase another five percentage points in 2011 from 2010.
 - The 2011 TAKS base indicators will include TAKS-Modified (TAKS-M) and TAKS-Alternate (TAKS-Alt) assessments.
 - The Texas Projection Measure (TPM) will be included in the base indicators in 2011 for all available TAKS-M grades and subject.
 - Beginning in 2011 the English Language Learners (ELL) Progress indicator will be incorporated into the rating system as a separate indicator evaluated for “All

Students” level only. This will add more students to the accountability system than has been indicated before.

- Professional Development 2010-2011
 - The federal title program requirements were briefly explained to further the understanding of the committee where the funding source for professional development in HISD is derived.
 - The three district initiatives were reviewed:
 - Differentiated strategies training and instructional coaching;
 - Writing; and
 - K-12 mathematics.
 - The committee agreed to continue with these initiatives for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - In addition to the three district initiatives the committee agreed to contract the services of the Visionary Leadership Institute (Ako Kambon) to address the needs of our teachers in delivering relevant instruction to our diverse student population.

- TAKS Testing Administration Update
 - Texas Education Agency (TEA) monitor the early April testing of grades 5 and 8 at Crosby Middle School. A report will be sent to the superintendent from TEA.
 - TAKS administration was completed the last week of April and will be sent to Pearson Wednesday, May 5, 2010.
 - Results for the April administration are scheduled to be released May 25, 2010.

- District Improvement Planning
 - The initial document to determine the completion of the 2009-2010 objectives is due to the curriculum office May 20.
 - The committee will meet May 25, 2010, in the HISD Board Room to review the comprehensive needs assessment and to begin development of the 2010-2011 district improvement plan.

- Closure
 - District opening day for the entire staff for 2010-2011 school year is Monday, August 16, 2010, at Hitchcock High School cafeteria.
 - The meeting closed at 5:20 PM.
 - The next meeting is May 25, 2010, at 8:15 AM in the Board Room.