

District Advisory Council
January 26, 2015
3:00 PM at Hitchcock ISD Board Room

Members in attendance:

Melanie Featherly
Lee Balinas
Lawarn Dotson

Bettie Crayton
Jeff Merchant
Ethel Gaines

Sharonda Cook
Chris Armacost

Evangelina Guerra
JoAnne Griffith

Minutes

- Review meeting minutes from 11/17/2014
 - Motion to approve minutes by Merchant; Second by Balinas

- Homework Policy
 - HISD Board Members requested a review of the HISD homework policy
 - Recommendations by the board to be considered were based on inconsistencies between grade levels, campuses.
 - Committee should meet with campus leadership team and review HW policy.
 - Suggestions made were to eliminate HW at the elementary campuses but HW at jr. high and high school should be a weighted percentage.

- Daily Grades
 - HISD Board Members requested a review of the HISD grading percentages.
 - Test grades at the high school seem to be “scale-tippers” when testing percentages are 50% and above. Board recommended 20-25%
 - Quizzes should be used for feedback; minimum per grading period should be agreed upon by campus.
 - Daily Work-determine weighting by campus/department.
 - Reiterate with teachers the 2 grades per week policy.

- Review 2013-2014 District Improvement Plan
 - The planning process utilized in 2013-2014 was reviewed.
 - Data was analyzed to develop the 2014-2015 district improvement plan
 - Members will review plan and bring proposed changes for next meeting.

- Review District Calendars for 2015-2016 School Year
 - 3 Calendars submitted for review
 - Voting by campus due to each principal by Feb. 4
 - Return campus votes to Central Office Feb. 4
 - Calendar A – Semester Ends prior to Christmas break.
 - Calendar B – Friday start in August.
 - Calendar C – No MLK Holiday

- Closure
 - Motion to adjourn by Merchant

- Seconded by Ms. Gaines
- Meeting adjourned 3:55 p.m.
- Next meeting April 13