

## Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2018

### Call to order

- Hannah Wankel called the meeting to order at 3:35PM.

### In Attendance:

Amanda Gonzalez, Hannah Wankel, Candelaria Peralta, Nick Martinez, Anna Griffin, Juan Diaz, Kelly Smith, Jennifer Pace, Maria G. Cortez, Patricia Williams

### Citizen's Comments

- Juan Diaz announced that ACE will be attending UT Explore

(This segment is limited to 10 minutes divided among speakers to establish time limits.)

### Approval of previous meeting minutes

- Juan Diaz noted a correction needed in the January 2018 CAC regarding the After School Showcase on May 19th. It is for all after school programs, not just AC.
- Juan Diaz motioned to approve the January 2018 CAC minutes with the revision to the after school program showcase.
- Nick Martinez seconded.

### Response to requests for information

- An request for information was made at the January 2018 meeting about whether iStation uses the most recent or the higher score when subtests are re-administered. Istation will use the most recent administration within the testing window, even if the score is lower.
- An request for information was made at this meeting about that the district does with money earned from the sale of property. A response to this request for information will be provided at the March 2018 meeting.

### Monthly Featured Topic:

- **Input on District of Innovation Days for 2018-2019:** The CAC reviewed the district adopted Calendar A, and the district suggested DOI days. The council considered the purpose, function, results and stakeholder impact of this year's DOI days and discussed the district suggested days for 2018-2019. The CAC supports the following days as District Innovation days for the 2018-2019 school year: 9/24/2018, 10/5/2017, 12/20/2018, 1/3/2018, 1/4/2018, 2/15/2018, 4/22/2018, which would include one additional DOI day, as long as it would not require an adjustment to the length of the current instructional day. If there is room for an additional PD day, the committee would opt for 12/19/2018.
- **Input on bilingual program options:** The CAC reviewed bilingual education requirements and components of the various bilingual education program models available in Austin ISD, including one-way dual language, two-way dual language, late exit, and early

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exit/transitional in an effort to identify the model that best fits our campus for the 2018-2019 school year. The council discussed current programming on our campus, which is identified as one-way dual language. Teacher members shared that our model seems to be a blend of one-way dual language and late exit, depending on the grade level and the staff. At the primary levels, more than 50% of instruction is in Spanish, and less than 50% of instruction is in English. At the intermediate levels a little more than 50% of instruction is in English and a little less than 50% of instruction is in Spanish. Things that impact this is the teaching of math and science in English, and teacher proficiency in English. There was mixed support for each bilingual education program model among CAC members, and some of the staff and parents represented at today's meeting did not feel like that had enough experience with bilingual education to favor a particular model. Based on discussion of the pros and cons of each model, the fact that STAAR testing in Spanish at the middle school level is NOT available, and Widén's TELPAS scores indicating that English language learners are NOT making adequate progress in English language development, the majority of CAC members support the late exit model if the campus is required to select one. The committee notes that it would be nice to have the flexibility to implement various models, or elements of various models to meet student needs at different grade levels and/or to adjust to staff language proficiency.

### District information:

- **Bad weather makeup information:** Based on the length of our instructional day (450 minutes), Widén meets the state requirement for 75,600 minutes in the school year without having to make up the two bad weather days.
- **Community input on budget:** The CAC discussed the district's budget challenges for the upcoming school year, due to recapture and decreasing enrollment, and that the budget shortfall could impact educational program, transportation, staff raises, health insurance contributions, etc. The council discussed the importance of community input at upcoming budget meetings to help the district identify spending priorities. The council discussed the difference between this budget shortfall and the bond funding that is solely for facilities.

### Campus Improvement Planning:

- **Review MOY assessment data:** The CAC reviewed 3rd - 5th grade MOY assessment data, although Widén was among the bottom 20 elementary schools in reading, math, and science for the percentage of students scoring at the proficient range or above, significant progress was made in comparison to previous year MOY scores. Our percent of students scoring proficient or above increased 10% in reading, 32% in writing, and 19% in writing. We remained the same in science. The CAC reviewed MOY iStation assessment results

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for K-5th grade students. Although only 45% of students are reading on or above grade level, this reflects an increase of 8% in comparison to prior year MOY istation results.

### Open forum for CAC member comments

- **Pleasant Valley Road transportation improvements:** The committee discussed proposed improvements to various traffic corridors as part of the recently passed City of Austin (CoA) mobility bond. Improvements to Pleasant Valley Road are proposed and the CoA will hold a community meeting at the Dove Spring Recreation Center this Saturday to get feedback. In addition, Safe Routes to School will be evaluating the safety and accessibility along routes to Widén for bikers and pedestrians on Friday, February 23rd, during morning arrival time, to consider possible improvements. Parents and staff members are welcome to participate.

### Adjourn

- Mr Diaz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm, and Mr. Martinez seconded.