



District-Wide

Consultation

Committee

DWCC Minutes – Thursday, October 8, 2015

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The DWCC met Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Crockett room at One AISD Center.

Members present were Joe Alcorta, Tom Tomaras, Linda White, Cindy Boyd, Traci Yandell, Christy Young, Carey Kitts, Steven Shinkle, Roy Dudgeon, and Roger Thomas. Members absent were Charlie Thyne, Charlene Richards, Jessica Melson, Elizabeth Wagstaff, Dr. Young, Phil Ashby, and Amber Law.

- The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Dr. Joe Alcorta.
- The first order of business was a discussion about the purpose for the DWCC. The District Wide Consultation Committee is for establishing and reviewing the District's educational goals as well as serving in an advisory role.
- Cindy Boyd motioned to elect Roger Thomas as the new chairperson for the DWCC. The motion passed with unanimously with 10 in favor.
- Mr. Thomas stated that Dr. Young would like to be active in the DWCC meetings and would like to have monthly meetings. He set the next meeting for Thursday, November 5th at 4:15 pm. After the November 5th meeting, the meetings will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month at 4:15pm.
- Dr. Alcorta then addressed attendance stating that if a member has 3 consecutive absences their position will be declared vacant. He asked that an email be sent if a committee member is not able to attend.
- Dr. Alcorta briefly addressed the duties of the Committee:
 1. Be involved in establishing and reviewing the District's educational plans, goals, performance objectives, and major classroom instructional programs.
 2. Define the roles and responsibilities of superintendent, central office staff, principals, teachers, and committee members. Mr. Thomas stated he would like job descriptions for each of these. Dr. Alcorta mentioned that the job descriptions are on the TASB website.
 3. The District Improvement Plan will be discussed with Cary Owens at a later date.
 4. The committee will visit with Cary Owens to visit the plan for a campus advisory committee because each campus should have a committee.
 5. The district's discipline management program which includes the Student Code of Conduct currently has no issues.
 6. District-wide Staff Development is ongoing for Leader in Me which currently begins in elementary schools but the district would like to expand the program through high school grades.
 7. Waivers were submitted to TEA for 2 of the 4 inclement weather days that the district took for 2014-2015 school year. The class ratios are also doing well this year since there are only 3 classrooms over the 22:1 ratio.
 8. For the school calendar, Dr. Alcorta stated that the school days will change to minutes instead of 7 hour days. Mr. Thomas stated Dr. Young would like to give teachers 1 day off each month for a break.
- Dr. Alcorta stated that the committee shall be composed of 15 members who shall represent campus-based professional staff, parents, businesses, and the community. He said the Place 2 classroom teacher is available due to Ms. Bammel's retirement. He said he will find out if the committee can appoint someone to fill the vacancy otherwise an election will have to take place in order to fill the vacancy. Another business representative will need to be found as well since there is only one. Dr. Alcorta asked the members to think about businesses that might be interested.
- It was explained that all community members are elected by majority vote and the school board does not approve the committee.
- The committee also needs to include two parents of students currently enrolled within the district.
- For the professional staff members that make up the committee there are seven members who are classroom teachers elected at large by professional staff of the District. There are also two certified personnel who are not classroom teachers are also elected by professional staff. All of the staff members shall be full time & elected by majority vote.

- Elections for DWCC committee positions have been conducted online the last two years which has been good because this allows for greater participation throughout the district.
- Terms for committee members were addressed. It was stated that representatives shall serve staggered 3 year terms and should not be limited in the number of terms served.
- Vacancies may be declared if a member leaves employment due to retirement, resignation, or termination; if the member no longer qualifies under the terms of policy BQA; if that member voluntarily resigns from the committee; or misses more than 3 consecutive meetings. Therefore, by these declarations Place 2 is declared a vacancy so the committee will offer the place for one year to the person with the next largest number of votes from the elections this year.
- It was explained that the committee shall not affect authority of the Board or its designee to appoint or establish other groups to assist in matters pertaining to District instruction.
- Graduation was also discussed by the committee. It was mentioned that the school calendar cannot pass June due to difficulties in reserving the coliseum for graduation. It was decided that Graduation at Shotwell Stadium is not a good idea due to unpredictable weather.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.
- The next meeting is set for November 4, 2015 at 4:15 pm.

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For the DWCC Committee