



## Superintendent's Advisory Council Minutes February 8, 2023

**Committee Members Present:** David Alexander, Sephanie Baird, Chelsea Baldwin, Erica Bennett, Ken Butler, JoAnna Cardoza, Heather Carson, Jandel Crutchfield, Ebony Davis, Juan Fresquez, Derek Gammon, Jim Hampton, Washima Huq, Joe Jenkins, Matt Jones, Susan Luttrell, James Sellers, Venitia Sneed, Debbie Van Cleave, Lori Williams

- I. Dr. Cantu Welcome & Committee Introductions
- II. Purpose
  - a. The Superintendent's Advisory Council is a representative body that will provide two-way communications between the Superintendent and community on a variety of important topics raised by the Superintendent and Superintendent's Advisory Council members. The SAC will advise the Superintendent on policy matters as they pertain to topics discussed at the SAC meetings.
- III. Today's Topics
  - a. Vision 2030
    - i. Mansfield ISD's strategic plan focused on making sure that students are college, career, and life ready.
    - ii. Power of Choice
      1. allows students of all ages to take advantage of specific programs that are tailored to their needs, even if it is located outside of their designated attendance zone. Transportation is provided for all qualified students who are accepted into their specialized program of choice.
    - iii. Spotlight on Students
      1. Part of the emphasis on Vision 2030 is to showcase how students are embodying the statement Life Ready, Career Ready, and College Ready by creating and posting videos.
        - a. Ag student video
        - b. Entrepreneurship video
  - b. Growth & Attendance Zone Committee
    - i. Purpose- To study and offer feedback to the Superintendent's Cabinet on projected growth, attendance zones, building capacities, building utilization
    - ii. Committee-More than 400 people submitted interest forms, other than the Board/Superintendent recommendations, members were chosen randomly. There are approximately 85 people serving on this committee.
    - iii. The first meeting is Thursday, February 9, 2023.
  - c. A-F Accountability
    - i. A-F is an accountability system for schools. Every campus in our district gets a numeric rating.

1. There are three domains that every campus is rated.
  - a. Student Achievement
  - b. School Progress
  - c. Closing the Gaps
- ii. Calculating Student Achievements
  1. Student achievement for elementary and middle school is 100% measured by the STAAR test.
  2. Student achievement for high school is measured 40% STAAR test, 40% College Career Military Ready, and 20% graduation rates
- iii. Changes to the STAAR
  1. Transition to online assessments
    - a. MISD gave the test online last year.
  2. Adding writing to reading language arts assessments
    - a. As early as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  3. Capping the number of multiple-choice questions (no more than 75%)
  4. Adding new types
    - a. Multiple answers
- d. Budget Timeline Update
  - i. January: Budget calendar and enrollment projections
  - ii. February: Additional requests submitted, campus and department budgets are due.
  - iii. March: Cabinet to review budget requests
  - iv. April/May: Budget workshops and certified estimates of property values
  - v. June: Publish notice of public meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate. Public hearing and adoption of the 2023-2024 budget
  - vi. July: Certified property values
  - vii. August: Adopt tax rate
- e. Partners in Education Update
  - i. Mentors
    1. Mansfield ISD Mentoring Program connects students with caring adults who can help them overcome obstacles and succeed in school and life.
    2. One year investment - Mentors commit to meet with students one-on-one for 30 minutes to an hour each week. During those weekly visits, mentors and students engage in a variety of activities.
  - ii. Volunteers
    1. Support and assist in schools
    2. Support student achievement
    3. School-to-career opportunities
  - iii. Community Partnerships
    1. Partnerships are, first and foremost, designed to give our local business and community organizations the opportunity to donate time and/or resources to a particular campus or student program. Some partnerships offer volunteer hours while others provide resources and financial support.
- f. Additional Updates
  - i. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Update
    1. MISD hired an Executive Director of DEI at the January 4 Board meeting; Dr. Tamika Patton who is currently transitioning from principal at Nancy

Neal. Dr. Patton will also share in responsibilities overseeing some elementary campuses as well.

2. Dr. Patton will also share in
3. HB 3979 states that we cannot require any training specifically related to diversity, equity or inclusion. We have those training modules available for staff, but they must be optional.
4. A challenge for the DEI committee: How can we promote a culturally safe community of schools for our kids when we cannot directly require training for staff?
5. CRT bill also limits how we train students, so we really focus on SEL on how we treat people with respect.
6. Athletic Department has culture building programs that focus on respecting differences.
7. We are staying focused on this, but there are challenges.
8. Dr. Cantu asked members if they had any questions and she answered those that were asked.

ii. Bad Weather Makeup Days

1. We have enough minutes and as it stands, we will not need to make-up the days missed during the ice storm.

iii. Legislative Priorities

1. There is a \$32 million surplus in the state budget. Schools could be funded better.
2. We are funded by average daily attendance.
3. When students are absent, we lose money.
4. We believe we should be funded by enrollment.
5. Texas is one of the last states to fund this way.
6. Vouchers, we are in opposition to this bill
7. A-F, so much focus on star.
8. HB 4545, we'd really like to appeal or revise that. This bill required 30 hours of mandatory tutoring outside the school day for each test a student failed. This is an unfunded expense to school districts.
9. Safety & Security, MISD is so far ahead of some districts as we've been looking at this for the past ten years. Our buildings are designed for safety.
10. Special Ed Funding, we need to focus more on spending here.

IV. Questions & Next Steps MISD Commitment

- a. Question asked about where money goes that is withheld due to attendance.
- b. Question asked about legislative priorities being on website.
- c. Question asked about when students will return to DP Morris.
- d. Question asked about what can be done about Ben Barber traffic.

V. Upcoming Event in the District

- a. February 9 – Elementary Open House
- b. February 15 – Middle School Open House
- c. February 16 – Intermediate School Open House
- d. February 21 – Destination Success (Grades 8-12), 5:30 p.m. @ Vaszuaskas Center for Performing Arts
- e. February 22 – Vision 2030 Day
- f. February 28 – Board Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Vaszauskas Center for Performing Arts

- g. March 1 – We Are MISD Day
- h. March 6 – Colors for Caring Day
- i. March 8 – Community Conversations Meeting, 6 p.m. @ T.A. Howard Middle
- j. March 13 – 17 – Spring Break
- k. March 23 – Safety & Security Parent Information Meeting, 6 p.m. @ Admin Building