

FISD Board Report



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Information Items:

College Board PreAP Program Considerations

Three years ago, the College Board announced that it would launch an official PreAP program, claiming the trademark that had been adopted by most Texas districts to simply align their "pre" courses to their actual AP courses. In the fall of 2022, they will require that all classes in a school district that are labeled as "PreAP" be submitted to the College Board to have their curriculum approved and to abide by specific guidelines and requirements in order to be called PreAP. In addition, there will be a cost per student fee required by College Board for the use of the "PreAP" label. Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Kim Cole discussed the possibility of following suit with most Texas schools and create a new label for FISD advanced coursework. Along with the label - we will consider the commitments and beliefs that will encompass all FISD advanced programming.

[PreAP Label Slides](#)

Special Education Annual Report

Executive Director of Special Education, Dahria Driskell, presented the Board with a Report on the Special Education Program in Friendswood ISD.

First Reading AE Local

Board Policy AE Local focuses on the Educational Philosophy of the District. The Superintendent is recommending an update to the policy to capture the Call to Action and Beliefs of FISD approved in the FISD Strategic Plan as well as the foundational Character traits of Friendswood ISD. These traits were developed in 1986 by the Board of Education and updated in 2016.

Draft policy of AE Local is attached. This is a first reading for the policy update. [AE Local Draft](#)

Action Items:

Approval of Missed School Days Waiver Due to TS Beta

The Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH 3.8.1 and 3.8.2) provides for a district to file with the Texas Education Agency for a missed school day waiver due to weather or safety issues. Per SAAH 3.8.2 a district is limited to a maximum of 4,200 waiver minutes in a school year, which includes staff development, missed school day and low attendance waivers. The previous waivers granted as part of Hurricane Laura do not count towards the 4,200 waiver minute cap. The waiver minutes used for the approved staff development waiver and TS Beta do count towards the cap.

FISD students missed 3 instructional days (September 21-23) consisting of 435 minutes each. We are requesting a waiver from TEA for a waiver for these three days for a total of 1,305 instructional minutes. This will bring our total waiver minutes to 3,405.

Approval of the District's Multi-hazard Emergency Operations Plan

Per Senate Bill 11, each school district in Texas shall adopt and implement a multi-hazard emergency operations plan for use in the district's facilities. The plan must address prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery as defined by the Texas School Safety Center in conjunction with the governor's office of homeland security and the commissioner of education. The plan must provide measures for appropriate communication, drills, measures to ensure coordination with local emergency management entities, safety audits at least once every three years, provisions for notification of parents in the event of a threat, professional development provisions, and other provisions for the chain of command and mental health supports. This document was approved last year. Listed below are the changes to the manual:

Page 28: Personnel changes to the Organizational Structure/ICS

Page 30: Updated Drill Schedule for 2020-2021

Page 31: Updated District Safety and Security Committee

Page 40-41: Updated Safe and Supportive Teams

Executive Director of Safety and Operations, Erich Kreiter, presented the District's plan.

[Emergency Ops Plan](#)

Approval of Covid Protocols

In the Summer of 2020, a reopening committee of parents, teachers and staff was formed to create a safe plan to reopen schools amid the Coronavirus pandemic. This plan was communicated prior to the beginning of school and posted on the website and approved by the Board on July 20, 2020. There have been a few changes to the plan including the name change to "COVID Protocols". Listed below are the changes made to the plan:

Name change from Reopening Plan to COVID Protocols

Entire document: lab-confirmed changed to test confirmed

Page 4: Transitions- Removed the language that required teachers to switch, students will now switch classes. Cleaning and hand washing will be done prior to the switch.

Page 6: Before and after school activities for elementary clubs and groups (i.e. student council, choir, chess club, robotics) will resume on October 19, 2020.

Page 7: PreK-3rd Grade students required to wear face-covering or face shield during transitions.

Page 9: Non-porous surfaces have to be disinfected unless more than 7 days have passed, it was 3 days.

Page 9: Close Contact: B. being within 6 feet for a largely uninterrupted or sustained extended contact period throughout the course of a day of approximately 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomatology may affect this determination.

Page 12: No parent volunteers will be allowed for the first nine weeks of school on campus - has been changed to no volunteers for the first semester.

Erich Kreiter, Executive Director of Safety and Operations, presented the plan and discussed the changes with the Board.

[COVID PROTOCOLS](#)

Approval of Galveston County Consortium Legislative Priorities

Representatives from each of School Boards in Galveston County have worked together to create a proposed list of priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session. Attached are the proposed Galveston County Consortium Legislative Priorities for the Board's consideration. The approved Legislative priorities will be presented to area Legislators on December 3, 2020 at a joint meeting in Galveston ISD.

Making a Difference

The Making A Difference Award is given to employees who best exemplify the District's beliefs and call to action. Thirteen Beliefs were adopted as a part of the 5-year Strategic Plan. These Beliefs will guide how FISD spotlights employees for the Making a Difference Award. Administrators and Departments were asked to choose an employee(s) who best exemplifies one of the thirteen beliefs.

Thank you Denise Ruiz!



Denise Ruiz has served in several capacities on the FISD Board for nearly a decade beginning with a four year term in 2006 and continuing as an appointed candidate and then an elected again through 2020. Denise is a loving wife to Luis, a wonderful mom to Michael, Mathew and Luis, all "Out of the Blue" as well as Kayla who has joined the family and maybe mostly an adoring grandma to Mason. Denise exemplifies all that FISD believes in. She bleeds Mustang Blue and is always willing to do whatever it takes to help and support kids. Denise is recognized for her service as well as exemplifying the following FISD Goals and Beliefs:



RANDI PIPES- 4 Years

Nurse

Belief 3 - Student-teacher relationships are key to student success.

TORREY LUSK - 10 Years

5th Gr. Science / Social Studies

Belief 7 - Communication, collaboration, and real-world connections lead to profound learning.

ANNALISA RAMIREZ - 5 Years

PPCD 4 /Sped Team Leader

Belief 11 - Relevant, Authentic and engaged learning provides that best opportunity for growth.

LINDSEY HEYDER - 7 Years

Speech Path

Belief 3: Student-Teacher relationships are key to student success.

Celebration of Excellence



National Merit Semi-Finalists

Gerald Musyimi and Justin Ouyang, FHS seniors, were named semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program that names approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 66th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program.



Meghan Flanagan - Nationally Distinguished Student Leader

Principals in September. National Student Council's Distinguished Student Leaders Program is a rigorous and challenging skill- and knowledge-based recognition program created to identify outstanding individual student council leaders in high schools. Students who earn the NatStuCo Distinguished Student Leader designation have demonstrated exemplary leadership abilities. We look forward to watching Meghan rise as a leader on whatever path she decides to take.

Jason Abbott and the FJH Percussion Ensemble - Mark of Excellence

This year, 145 of the finest musical ensembles in the nation entered the competition, from thirty-eight states and only the top quarter were selected as National Winners.



CONSENT AGENDA

All Consent agenda Items were approved

6.01 Consider Approval of Minutes September 14, 2020

6.02 Consider Approval of Minutes September 28, 2020

6.03 Consider Approval of Gifts and Donations

6.04 Consider Approval of Budget Amendment

6.05 Consider Approval to Renew Plumbing Service Agreements

6.06 Consider Approval of Resolution to Pay Employees during District Closure due to Tropical Storm Beta

6.07 Consider Approval 2020-2021 SHAC Committee

6.08 Consider Approval of Lease Agreement for 1108 Mustang Drive

Financial Reports:

9.01 Balance Sheets

9.02 Monthly Check Register and Payroll Summary Report

9.03 Monthly Investment Report

9.04 Revenue and Expenditure Reports

9.05 School Lunch Fund

9.06 Tax Assessor Collector's Report

9.07 Capital Projects and Priority Maintenance Update

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