

District Advisory Council

Zoom Meeting

April 3, 2020

9:00 A.M.

Members Present:	Laura Badgett Kevin Jenkins Dustin Morgan Heather Salverino	Carrie Bohman Toni Maddox Marsha Nolen Tosha Utt	Frances Charlton Kourtney McDonald Maricela Resendiz Michelle Wallace
Members Absent:	Mikki Eddins Dr. Mario Villarino	Michael Lamb Jena Williams	Lindsay McCoy
Others Present:	Jason Evans Josh Williams	Sherry McGraw	Marci Owens

Josh Williams called the meeting to order. He welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for taking time out of their schedule to meet. He said the meal program is going well. He also said this is the second week of distance learning and it is going great. He noted that there are SSISD facility WiFi spots for those who have no internet access. He also said Kajeet devices are available and 100 more have been ordered.

Heather Salverino asked about student online learning. She said her son had been given 5 weeks of English assignments and wondered if he is required to do them all at one time or as he can. It was suggested to contact the teacher. She said she is impressed with the district's program and there has been great teacher communication. Williams said as a parent of a student he is also impressed with the distance learning program.

Williams said that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the district applying for two TEA waivers. He told members the first waiver is the Educator Appraiser Waiver. The district uses the TTESS and TPESS systems to evaluate teachers and administrators. Due to current circumstances, principals won't be able to complete formal evaluations for everyone. This will help with that situation. Williams said it doesn't prevent principals from completing evaluations if work had already been done prior. There were no questions or comments and the committee agreed that the application should be submitted.

Jason Evans told the members about the second waiver, the Missed Instructional Day Waiver. He said that the State requires the school year to be 75,600 minutes. During a regular year if days have to be missed, the district can use bad weather days or extra minutes to make up. Due to the current circumstances, the waiver would approve the missed days and enable the district to still receive credit for funding. There were no questions or comments and the committee agreed for the application to be submitted.

Williams noted that both waiver applications will be submitted for approval by the school board at the April 20 board meeting.

Williams said that teachers are doing a great job and our kids are still learning. He said a recent report shows that 90% of our students have been reached online and we are aiming for 100%.

He thanked members again for attending and the meeting was adjourned.