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Budget Stabilization Task Force
July 16, 2018
5:30 p.m. ʹ 8:30 p.m.
Carruth Administration Center, Board Auditorium
1111 West 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703

MEETING MINUTES
IN ATTENDANCE:
Committee Members:
Cesar Benavides, Todd Bisang, K.C. Cerny, Michael Cranor, Vanessa Dainton Santamaria,
Christina Dunigan, Bradley Dusing, Amir Emamian, Griselda Galindo-Vargas, Kevin Garcia, James

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Questions and Comments from Members:
● Why has the general administration budget increased 30% in the last few years. Can we
look more closely at how we spend?
● Question about 3 sub-committees. How can we also focus on outcomes? How do we
make recommendations for legislative changes that affect our students in the
classroom.
○ It is far more powerful when parents address legislators rather than CFOs
● What can we do in collaboration with other entities that are not subject to recapture to
bring more revenue to the district?
○ If Task Force members have ideas and in particular connections with people who
could provide this kind of opportunity, please connect AISD staff with those
people.
● Has the district looked at how foundation communities has affected enrollment in
neighboring schools?
○ Not specifically
● How are we equipping our schools to be more welcoming and community centric to
improve enrollment efforts?
○ This is something the district recognizes and has chosen to invest in AISD Cares
professional development to help with this.
● What are the goals and the outcomes those vendors have been hired to achieve? Let’s
not forget the equity lens. What are the measures? Incentivizing is concerning!
Incentivizing means test scores.
Request:
● Can we get performance grading for each vendor? Order of magnitude? Total budget?
○ The district does not have a standard of collecting this data from every vendor.
● Can we get a break down of central administration budget for principals who have been
taken off campuses and given special tasks or special projects at Central Office?
● We have issues with the increasing numbers of retire-rehires. Budget reports requests:
SEL and Vendors. Would like to see contracts over $20K
● Less items/topics on agendas.
Kazique motioned to have equity discussion tabled to next committee meeting. Robert second
motion to table discussion for next meeting. All approved. None opposed.
7. Break - skipped

8. Travis Zander ʹ Forecast and Data Trends (Presentation and Activity) (7:45 p.m)
Travis began his presentation with an overview of comparison data but did not complete the
presentation due to time restraints.

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Vanessa made a motion to keep questions and comments to 15 minutes after the presentation,
even if that means cutting people off.
Member recommends that the tri-chairs bring a recommendation for how to deal with
excessive questions and comments after presentations.
Tri-committee agreed to review method for dealing with questions.
11. Adjourn (8:58 p.m)

Parking lot:
Members had continued questions about how state finance laws impact district revenue. Tri-chair suggested topic be tabled and explored offline.