

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
August 5, 2008

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Ky. at 6 p.m. Aug. 5, 2008.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Burch, JoJuana Leavell-Greene, John Price, Susie Cavanaugh, Ty Sturdivant, Roy Woods, David Cozart, Lisa Berman, Hazel Forsythe, P.G. Peebles, Scott Winkler

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Hong, Jock Gum, Bernice Smith, Ron Langley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stu Silberman, Vince Mattox, Brenda Allen, Melodee Parker, Barbara Connor, Tanya Dailey

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Burch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1(a)

Approval of Minutes

Roy Woods made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 3, 2008 meeting. Scott Winkler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM 1(b)

Communication & Public Participation

Lisa Berman asked if Council could review the fee waiver and boosters policy process. Brenda Allen, Don Adkins and Vince Mattox will gather the information and Vince will present it at the next meeting.

Susie Cavanaugh stated that she read two articles regarding the screening assessments for kindergarten students and one article was positive and one negative. She asked, if parent concerns had been addressed about the screening and will the screening be used to label their child? Stu Silberman responded stating that some parents have called and asked those questions and were told that the screening is not used for labeling or tracking. John Price, David Cozart, and Roy Woods stated they had positive experiences with the screening. It serves as an orientation process for kindergartners and the District wants to make it a good experience. There will be follow-up of the outcome of the screening for teachers and students.

Stu Silberman welcomed Wade Stanfield who is participating in the State's Minority Superintendent's Intern program. He will be shadowing Stu Silberman this school year.

AGENDA ITEM 1(c)

Updates

Stu Silberman gave an update on the three new elementary schools, Liberty, Sandersville, and William Wells Brown. He stated they are ready and no issues or concerns should stop us from opening on the first day of school. He encouraged council members to go and visit the new schools. He also shared information on the five additional projects for the 2008-2009 school year, Cassidy, Arlington, Leestown Middle, Bryan Station Middle, and Russell Cave will all be renovated. There are also problems with the stadium bleachers at Lafayette High School to be addressed.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 2(a)

Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

Hazel Forsythe gave an update on the Student Placement/Accommodations Committee. She stated there were several outcomes to their discussion and they will need to have more than one meeting to develop a procedure that meets policy, training and communication needs. The committee will meet again on August 28, 2008.

AGENDA ITEM 2(b)

Objective Equity Indicators Committee

Ty Sturdivant gave an update on the Equity Report card. He reviewed the Equity scorecard recommendations with the Council. They discussed ways to collect the data. Once the data has been collected, the committee will interpret what the data means. Barbara Connor suggested adding "gender" to the report.

AGENDA ITEM 2 ©
Positive District Actions/Community Issues Committee

Lisa Berman introduced Melodee Parker to Council and stated that Melodee would be giving an overview on staff retention across the District. Council members received a copy of the 07-08 Staff Distribution report. Melodee Parker stated the report contains information which shows comparisons in the school district and is broken down between certified and classified employees. This report will be shared with the Board. Any questions should be sent to Lisa Berman and they will get the data together as a committee. A staff retention report will be available in September.

AGENDA ITEM 2(d)
Resources & Facilities Committee

No report given.

ITEM 2(e)
Equity Council Members on District Committees Updates

Hazel Forsythe gave an update on the special education advisory committee. They discuss the alternate portfolio process and getting actions on their policy guidelines.

III. ADJOURNMENT

JoJuana Leavell-Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. P.G. Peoples seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.