

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
(MINUTES)  
**Equity Council Meeting**  
**October 7, 2008**

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6 p.m. on October 7, 2008.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roy Woods, JoJuana Leavell-Greene, John Price, Susie Cavanaugh, Jock Gum, Bernice Smith, Ron Langley, Scott Winkler, Hazel Forsythe, David Cozart, P.G. Peeples

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jack Burch, Stephanie Hong, Ty Sturdivant, Lisa Berman

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Roy Woods called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

AGENDA ITEM 1(a)

**Approval of Minutes**

David Cozart made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 2, 2008 meeting. Ron Langley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM 1(b)

**Communication & Public Participation**

The Council recognized and welcomed two visitors, Leigh Bender, a UK graduate student and Alan Lynne a parent from Paul Lawrence Dunbar. They joined us to observe the Equity Council process.

David Cozart and Ron Langley attended walkthroughs at Crawford & Winburn. They stated how impressed they were and spoke about the challenges, how to help students succeed and the work that's on going needs to be continued.

Roy Woods asked Barbara Connor to inform Council of the process to attend the walkthrough. Barbara stated the walkthroughs usually take 2-3 hours and there is no limited on how many you can attend. Stu Silberman stated the new schedule came out yesterday and will be forthcoming.

AGENDA ITEM 1(c)

Updates

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

AGENDA ITEM 2(a)

**Student Placement/Accommodations Committee**

Hazel Forsythe gave an update on the Student Placement/Accommodations committee. Hazel stated the committee met and they are following up on the charge. The committee discussed the data and how parents did not have a clear assessment of the portfolio alternative process. They would like to develop a booklet to simplify the language so everyone will understand. Hazel stated the next meeting will be on Thursday and it will be an electronic meeting. Bernice Smith requested to be removed from the committee because of other commitments.

AGENDA ITEM 2(b)

**Objective Equity Indicators Committee**

Due to Ty Sturdivant absence, Ron Langley gave the Objective Equity Indicators Committee update. Ron stated the committee met and will continue to work on the multiple types of data to include in the report card.

Barbara Connor gave an update on the Ad-hoc committee. She stated the committee met and they are following the steps on the Suspension Data Matrix Implementation Plan. They are currently on Step 2 where middle & high school directors are meeting with their principals.

AGENDA ITEM 2©

**Positive District Actions/Community Committee**

No report given, however council members were able to view a video that was produced for Human Resources as a recruitment tool. It was enjoyed by all.

AGENDA ITEM 2(d)

**Resources & Facilities Committee**

No report given. Stu Silberman stated that the facilities plan is going before the Board this month.

## ITEM 2(e)

### **Equity Council Members on District Committees Updates**

Hazel Forsythe gave an update on the Special Education Advisory committee. She stated the committee continues to work on sub-committees. They have identified the issues to come before those committees.

Susie Cavanaugh asked would the council have a chance to view the disaggregated data on the CATS scores. Stu Silberman stated the data should be available at the next Equity Council meeting. Stu requested that Vince Mattox, Jack Hayes and other directors come to discuss the No Child Left Behind and CATS data with Council.

Stu Silberman informed council that Beaumont Middle School came to a Board meeting and shared how the Culture Responsive Training had a major impact on things in the school e.g., the achievement level of the school and the suspension data. They credited a lot of their success to the CRTL training. Hazel Forsythe suggested having 2-3 people from each school attend the training so they can take the information back to the school and start moving it across the board.

Barbara Connor informed Council that today is Jock Gum's last meeting. Jock has served for many years. Jock stated that the Equity Council has made tremendous strides in recent years and he thanked everyone for their kind thoughts. Roy Woods thanked him for his years of service.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

Ron Langley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Jock Gum seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.