

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
July 7, 2009

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on July 7, 2009.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Burch, Roy Woods, Bernice Smith, Susie Cavanaugh, John Price, JoJuana Leavell-Greene, Stephanie Hong, Kim Eldridge, Scott Winkler, Hazel Forsythe, Ron Langley

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

P. G. Peeples, David Cozart, Ty Sturdivant, Lisa Berman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stu Silberman, Vince Mattox, Rodney Jackson, Brenda Allen, Rachel Baker, Alexis Witherspoon, Barbara Connor, Tanya Dailey

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1(a)

Reading of Mission Statement

Scott Winkler read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1(b)

Approval of Minutes

Bernice Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 2, 2009 meeting. Roy Woods seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Communication & Public Participation (c)

None.

Updates (d)

Barbara Connor informed Council of the Opportunity Middle College brochure that was distributed. She would like to invite Janie Cottrell to attend the next meeting to give more details about the program.

Jack Burch informed Council about the Racial Equity and Economic Stability Project (REES) funded by the Ford Foundation. He asked if the Council would serve as a focus group. Council agreed to participate in this project.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 2(a)

Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

Hazel Forsythe reported the committee met on June 18, 2009 and continues to examine the Alternate Assessment Process. The committee discussed the procedures and other pending matters.

AGENDA ITEM 2(b)

Objective Equity Indicators Committee

Vince Mattox gave an update on the Objective Equity Indicators committee. Vince stated since the last meeting the committee has finished charts for gifted and talented, academic achievement and dropout rate and organized them as they will appear on the Equity Score Card. The committee will continue to complete the charts for the other categories and work on the text report and definitions. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2009.

AGENDA ITEM 2(c)

Positive District Actions/Community Committee

Barbara Connor welcomed the new staff recruiter, Alexis Witherspoon. Roy Woods gave an update on the Positive District Actions/Community Committee. He reported that the committee discussed a welcome team plan and building mentors for new employees. The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on July 20, 2009 at Lexington Day Treatment Center.

AGENDA ITEM 2(d)
Resources & Facilities Committee

Rodney Jackson gave a report on the Minority and Women Owned Business program. After discussion and questions, a charge was given to Scott Winkler. Scott requested that Rodney Jackson, Brenda Allen, and Barbara Connor collect data on how to increase bids from the minority and women owned businesses and bring a draft charge to the August meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2(e)
Ad-hoc Committee (By Laws - Review)

A review of the newly adopted by-laws will be presented in August.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (f)
Ad-hoc Committee (Community Engagement)

Vince Mattox gave a report on the Culturally Responsive Teaching & Learning (CRTL). He stated that twenty schools are scheduled for the training and there is an extensive waiting list. Barbara Connor and Vince are collaborating with Dr. Lynne Smith (Bethune Institute) and working with content specialist, they have been invited to attend the sessions. Vince stated they are also working with all new teachers and Special Education Advisory Council committee.

Susie Cavanaugh asked what is the status on the retreat work-session. After discussion, Susie made a recommendation to meet again in September to discuss the next action steps and the mentoring process. Vince Mattox and Alice Nelson will attend the work –session committee meeting and bring information to Council in September.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (g)
Equity Council Members on District Committees Updates

Barbara Connor gave a report on the new alternative school – The Learning Center at Linlee. She stated seventy seven applications were received. Council would like to invite Mr. Chi to an Equity Council meeting. Jack Burch suggested having the September Equity Council meeting at the New Linlee Alternative school.

Hazel Forsythe reported the Re-Entry panel is going well. The committee will reconvene in July.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Roy Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
Bernice Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.