

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
November 10, 2009

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on November 10, 2009.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roy Woods, Susie Cavanaugh, John Price, JoJuana Leavell-Greene, Ty Sturdivant, Ron Langley, Lisa Berman, Hazel Forsythe, David Cozart, Jack Burch

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

P. G. Peeples, Stephanie Hong, Bernice Smith, Kim Eldridge, Scott Winkler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stu Silberman, Melodee Parker, Kathy Dykes, Vince Mattox, Brenda Allen, Alexis Witherspoon, Barbara Connor, Tanya Dailey

CALL TO ORDER

Roy Woods called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1(a)

Reading of Mission Statement

David Cozart read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1(b)

Approval of Minutes

Ty Sturdivant made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 6, 2009 meeting. JoJuana Leavell-Greene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Communication & Public Participation (c)

None

Updates (d)

Barbara Connor distributed membership application packets to council members. She stated that Council will vote for five new members in December.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 2(a)

Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

Hazel Forsythe gave an update for the Re-Entry Panel. She gave an overview of the panel process. The panel meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at IAKSS.

Barbara Connor welcomed Barbara Lowry-Ray, Cabinet for Health & Families Services and Kathy Dykes, Administrator of Special Education Department, who gave their experiences with the Re-Entry panel.

David Cozart questioned the given name, "Re-Entry panel". Council agreed to consider an alternative name for the panel. All suggestions can be emailed to Barbara Connor.

AGENDA ITEM 2(b)

Objective Equity Indicators Committee

Ty Sturdivant gave an update for the Objective Equity Indicators committee. The committee met on October 19, 2009 to discuss the progress of collecting the 2008-2009 data to be included in the equity score card. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2(c)

Positive District Actions/Community Committee

Lisa Berman gave an update for the Positive District Actions/Community Committee report. Melodee Parker distributed hand-outs that gave an overview of the applicant information, hire information and employee & retention information. She also gave an update on the committee's goals.

AGENDA ITEM 2(d)
Resources & Facilities Committee

No report given

AGENDA ITEM 2(e)
Ad-hoc Committee (Community Involvement)

Susie Cavanaugh gave an update for the Community Involvement committee. The committee met on Monday, November 9, 2009 to review NCLB data and recommend schools (with pre-established programs focused on closing the achievement gap) with which the Equity Council can become a partner. The committee is asking for guidance from the Equity Council on whether they should focus on improving low achievement of a particular group or focus on closing the achievement gap for the group. Council agreed the committee will decide which school(s) to choose from and hopefully can start the process in January.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (f)
Extra Curricular Task Force

Vince Mattox gave an update on the district's actions for addressing the Extra Curricular Task Force recommendations. He gave an overview of the recommendations and actions taken.

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

John Price reported the Budget committee met on Monday, November 9, 2009. The District received an unqualified opinion, the highest opinion that can be offered by an audit team. Stu Silberman complimented Rodney Jackson and his staff for all their hard work.

Barbara Connor informed Council that the Customer Service committee will take its second trip to Mason County and meet with the Kelly Middleton, author of the book "Who Cares". She stated that Bernice Smith has been attending the meeting for Jack Burch.

Barbara Connor also informed the council of the need for the election of officers to be held during the December meeting. The council will send nominations to Barbara.

III. ADJOURNMENT

JoJuana Leavell-Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Hazel Forsythe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.