

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINTUES)
Equity Council Meeting
September 6, 2011

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on September 6, 2011.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roy Woods, Scott Winkler, John Price, JoJuana Leavell-Greene, Jerry Sims, David Cozart, Brian Hodge, Hazel Forsythe, Bernice Smith, Lisa Berman, Sara Szwilski, Stephanie Hong, Susie Cavanaugh

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jack Burch, Ron Langley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Shelton, Vince Mattox, Barbara Connor, Erica Beatty

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1(a)

Reading of Mission Statement

Stephanie Hong read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1(b)

Approval of Minutes

Lisa Berman made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 2, 2011 meeting. Hazel Forsythe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Communication & Public Participation (c) e

On behalf of the Equity Council, Roy Woods welcomed Katie Smith, from the Children's Law Center. Katie is working with Rebecca DiLoreto on the Agreement between FCPS and the Children's Law Center to reduce the disparities of suspensions among minorities and children with disabilities.

Updates (d)

Barbara Connor informed Council that membership elections will be upcoming. Voted members will need to re-submit their applications by the last Friday in October.

Roy Woods informed the Council that the Suspension Committee is in need of members. JoJuana Leavell-Greene informed the Council that the Ad-Hoc Suspension Committee meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Bernice Smith, Jerry Sims, & Stephanie Hong would like to be added to the committee.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 2 (a)

Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

Hazel Forsythe gave an overview of the RESET Panel. She gave a report and an update on the Student Placement/Accommodations Committee's work regarding the Agreement. The committee is currently working on their final report.

AGENDA ITEM 2(b)

Objective Equity Indicators Committee

Roy Woods informed the committee chairs need additional information regarding their responsibilities for the second Equity Score Card. He and Ron Langley will attend committee meetings starting September 19, 2011 to begin clarifying the process. Each committee chair has been asked to send their meeting schedule to Roy Woods.

AGENDA ITEM 2(c)

Positive District Actions/Community Committee

Lisa Berman thanked Vince Mattox for compiling the information from the questionnaire and creating the booklet. The committee has reviewed the information and a chart is being created. The committee will meet again in September.

AGENDA ITEM 2(d)

Resources and Facilities

Scott Winkler gave a report from FCPS nutrition committee. The committee concluded that Fayette County has good wellness policies in place and they are actively enforced. There are clear guidelines on menu planning as set up by the USDA and the district follows these to the letter, there are strict standards for all food vendors. FCPS is below the recommended USDA nutrition guidelines and the committee stated while the Equity Council can provide support to the district on a balanced plan for health education in schools, they only see themselves in a support role for the Council and not a more intense participation in obesity as an equity issue. Reports can be requested from the food Service System Staff on their initiatives to help make more visible the great work that is being done.

AGENDA ITEM 2(e)

Ad- hoc Committee (Community Involvement)

Jerry Sims stated Millcreek is on track with their mission with “Leader in Me”. He is still seeking mentors. If any member can mentor for 30 minutes to an hour, email Tanya Dailey.

AGENDA ITEM 2(f)

Ad- Hoc Suspension Committee and Agreement

JoJuana Leavell-Greene stated the committee did not meet. Barbara Connor will send an email to committee members regarding their next meeting date.

AGENDA ITEM 2(f)

Equity Council Members on District Committee Updates

Budget Committee – Next meeting will be September 12, 2011

Special Education - Next meeting will be September 15, 2011

Customer Service – None

Student Code of Conduct – None

Community Partner Leadership Team Committee – Quarterly meeting

Barbara Connor suggested removing district committees' reports from the agenda, during the months they are not scheduled to meet.

Barbara Connor welcomed Mike Waford, who is the consultant with Fayette County Public Schools, The Equity Council and the Children's' Law Center regarding the Agreement. Mike gave an overview on PBIS and stated that ten schools are participating and selecting coaches for this initiative. Training will began in September and he would like to see ten additional schools come aboard in January.

Scott Winkler expressed some concerns with FCPS Food Services going to an online application for free/reduced lunch. Barbara Connor will get with the Directors to ensure the principals are sending a hard copy of the application home with students.

David Cozart reminded the Council about the Urban League's program that provides computers, give assistance, and train people on the use of broad band internet.

Roy Woods asked the Council if everyone was on a committee. All members stated yes with the exception of Sara Szwilski. Barbara Connor stated she would email her the list of committees.

III. ADJOURNMENT

JoJuana Leavell-Greene mad a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Hodge seconded he motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.