

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
October 4, 2011

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2011.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bernice Smith, Jack Burch, David Cozart

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Shelton, Vince Mattox, Barbara Connor, Tanya Dailey

CALL TO ORDER

Scott Winkler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1(a)
Reading of Mission Statement

Susie Cavanaugh read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (b)
Approval of Minutes

JoJuana Leavell-Greene made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 6, 2011 meeting. Sara Szwilski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Communication & Public Participation (c) e

Scott Winkler welcomed Ms. Casey Hinds to Equity Council. Ms. Hinds read a letter first thanking the Council for the follow-up on the obesity issue. She also stated they would like to request the door remain open for ongoing discussion regarding this matter. Scott thanked Ms. Hinds for their work and stated the door is open and to feel free to email him at anytime. Scott also welcomed Katie Smith from The Children's Law Center.

Scott Winkler welcomed Jim Embry who is very active in the Sustainable Community Network. Mr. Embry spoke to the Council regarding community gardening and getting students outside to work with their hands.

Updates (d)

Barbara Connor informed Council that membership elections will take place in December. Voted members will need to re-submit their applications and bio's by Friday, October 28, 2011.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 2 (a)

Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

Hazel Forsythe gave an update on the Student Placement/Accommodations Committee. She gave an overview of the committee's future plans and next steps. Their next scheduled meeting is October 11, 2011. The committee will meet with principals to discuss questions and concerns regarding student referrals to MLK on Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 2(b)

Objective Equity Indicators Committee

Ron Langley gave an update on the Objective Equity Indicators Committee. He stated the committee met and has received updated data for the second Equity Score Card. Ron stated the committee would like input from the Council in order to have a more broad base effort, he would like to meet with each sub-committee to answer any questions regarding data needed for the scorecard. Scott Winker requested that Ron re-send each Committee Chair their section of the Equity Score Card. The committee will meet again on Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 2(c)
Positive District Actions/Community Committee

Lisa Berman gave an update on the Positive District Actions/Community committee. She gave an overview of the questionnaire, the results, and the next steps. The committee will begin focusing on the Middle & High schools.

AGENDA ITEM 2(d)
Resources and Facilities

No report.

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

No report.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (f)
Ad-Hoc Suspension Committee and Agreement

Susie Cavanaugh gave an update on the Ad-Hoc Suspension committee. The committee met and discussed the next steps for the Equity Council. At the next committee meeting, they will review the top two infractions from middle & high schools over the same time period. Starting in October, the committee will meet on the fourth Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

Special Education Advisory Board – None

Committee Partnership Committee –Stephanie Hong gave an update and overview of the Community Partners committee. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at the United Way building.

III. ADJOURNMENT

JoJuana Leavell-Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Berman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.