

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
November 1, 2011

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on November 1, 2011.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roy Woods, John Price, JoJuana Leavell-Greene, Brian Hodge, Hazel Forsythe,
Lisa Berman, Stephanie Hong, Susie Cavanaugh, Sara Szwilski

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bernice Smith, Jack Burch, David Cozart, Scott Winkler, Ron Langley, Jerry Sims

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Shelton, Tanya Dailey

CALL TO ORDER

Roy Woods called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1(a)
Reading of Mission Statement

Sara Szwilski read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (b)
Approval of Minutes

Lisa Berman made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 4, 2011 meeting. Stephanie Hong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Communication & Public Participation (c) e

Roy Woods welcomed Katie Smith from the Children's Law Center to Equity Council. Ms. Smith informed Council of two updates. She stated that recently the Children's Law Center did an open records request from the administrative office of the courts to get updated data from the past three years on court referrals from Fayette County School addresses. She was happy to announce that the numbers went down. Roy Woods requested if she could send the document electronically to all the Equity Council members. Also, she stated that Rebecca Diloreto is working with Day Treatment on a restorative justice initiative program to address peer/teacher and peer/peer conflicts.

Updates (d)

Tanya Dailey informed Council that membership elections will take place in December and folders with membership applications have been distributed to review. She also stated that according to the Equity Council By-Laws, it is time to nominate officers. Nominations were made from the floor for Roy Woods as Chair, Scott Winkler as Vice-Chair and JoJuana Leavell-Greene as Secretary. The vote was unanimous. Elections will take place in December.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 2 (a)

Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

Hazel Forsythe gave an update on the Student Placement/Accommodations Committee. She stated the committee met and discussed the makeup and composition of SAT Teams at the schools represented. Principals informed the committee of barriers to the SAT executing its full function. Also the SAT team functions as a case management team for the students. Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011. She also informed Council that due to confidentiality, you will not receive a report from the RESET panel.

AGENDA ITEM 2(b)

Objective Equity Indicators Committee

Roy Woods gave an update on the Objective Equity Indicators Committee. He stated the committee will meet with George McCormick to get data together for the Equity Score Card. Roy stated, in order to be on the same page, they would like to meet with each member to answer any questions regarding data needed for the scorecard.

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

Lisa Berman gave an update on the Positive District Actions/Community committee. She stated the committee is moving forward with the data that was shared from the last meeting. The information was returned to the Elementary School Directors requesting a measurable action plan from the principals on how they will proceed to hiring more minorities. They would like the plans prior to Thanksgiving.

AGENDA ITEM 2(d)
Resources and Facilities

Roy Woods informed Council that Darryl Thompson developed a report on the Annual Supplier Diversity Progress. Council members were asked to review this report and submit any questions to Darryl. He will attend the December meeting and explain the report.

Roy Woods also informed Council that he would like to assign this committee a charge to gather information on diversity amongst the student population in schools. Tom Shelton stated we want to make sure that all schools and programs reflect diversity in the community.

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

Roy Woods informed Council the Leader in Me program at Millcreek continues to move forward. Lorraine Williams and Jerry Sims have scheduled a meeting to review what the next steps. Susie Cavanaugh stated the Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. (Lexington Alumnae Chapter) will be able to step forward to work as mentors.

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 what information is needed for the Equity Score Card, what is needed for the agreement with the Children's law Center and what schools will be included in the data. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference room D. The committee will resume meeting on the fourth Thursdays of each month.

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

Special Education Advisory Board – The committee continues to meet and move forward.

III. ADJOURNMENT

JoJuana Leavell-Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara Szwilski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.