

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
December 1, 2015

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hazel Forsythe, Brian Hodge, Ron Langley, JoJuana Leavell-Greene, Bonnie Mitchell-Clark, Jerry Sims, Sara Szwilski, Isabel Taylor, Roy Woods

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Cozart, Dikiea Elery, John Ferguson, Stephanie Hong

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Meadows, Vickie Ritchie, Darryl Thompson, Myron Thompson, Sarah Gaines

CALL TO ORDER

Roy Woods called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

I. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1 (a)

Reading of Mission Statement

Melissa Bacon read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (b)

Approval of Minutes

Isabel Taylor offered a motion to accept the minutes from the November 10, 2015 meeting. Ron Langley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (c)

Communication and Public Participation

Roy Woods welcomed everyone in attendance and acknowledged the presence of Board Member Melissa Bacon. In addition to FCPS staff, Andrea James, Ron Mack, and Sharon Mofield-Boswell were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (d)

Updates

Darryl Thompson shared that the Equity Council Top 10 recommendations are embedded in the Crosswalk document, and he will report to the Equity Council in January 2016. Additionally, the 30/60/90 day plan is being reworked for submission to the Kentucky Department of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (e)

Elections

Darryl Thompson explained that the Council needed to elect a secretary prior to holding elections, because the secretary will collect and count the ballots. Darryl asked for nominations. Hazel Forsythe nominated JoJuana Leavell-Greene, and Ron Langley seconded the motion. There were no other nominations for secretary, and the vote for JoJuana was unanimous.

Darryl Thompson shared that the process for holding elections is stated in the Equity Council bylaws, and this process does not allow members being elected or appointed at this meeting to hold an office during the upcoming year.

The Council elected to elect the five new Council members prior to electing a chair and vice chair. After the ballots were distributed, Ron Langley asked why some of the names of candidates they received applications for were not listed on the ballot. Darryl explained that Susan DuArte withdrew her name, and Roger Cleveland and Sharon Mofield-Boswell were appointed by Board members.

The following were elected to serve on the Equity Council from January 2016-December 2017:

Brian Hodge
Stephanie Hong
Andrea James
Ronald Mack
Isabel Taylor

The following were appointed to serve on the Equity Council from January 2016-December 2017:

Roger Cleveland (Melissa Bacon)
David Cozart (Daryl Love)
Ron Langley (John Price)
Sharon Mofield-Boswell (Doug Barnett)
Roy Woods (Amanda Ferguson)

Due to the resignation of Jack Lyons on November 8, 2015, Melissa Bacon will appoint someone to complete his term that ends on December 31, 2016.

Roy Woods was elected chair, and Ron Langley was elected vice chair.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 2 (a)

Ad-Hoc Suspensions Committee and Agreement

No report was presented. Brian Hodge said there is no one to run the suspensions and dropouts report.

School Presentations:

Morton Middle School (represented by Ronda Runyon – Principal, Andy Williams – Associate Principal, Clay Sutherland – Dean of Students, Lisa Owens – PGES Coach, Karen Ziegler – Literacy Specialist, and Joe Dewees – Guidance Counselor) made a presentation to the Equity Council.

Leestown Middle School (represented by Cynthia Lawson – Principal, Latonya Meekins – Associate Principal, Joe Gibson – Associate Principal, and Leon Buford-Kelly – Administrative Dean) made a presentation to the Equity Council.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (b)

Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

Hazel Forsythe shared information concerning the playground and septic system at Russell Cave Elementary.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (c)

Objective Equity Indicators Committee

No report was presented. This committee did not meet this month, and they will not meet in December. They are awaiting data for the next district scorecard.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (d)

Positive District Actions/Community Issues Committee

No report was presented. This committee did not meet this month, and they will not meet in December. Darryl Thompson confirmed that Marilyn Clark will join this committee, and Isabel Taylor asked if Meribeth Gaines would also join this committee.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (e)

Resources and Facilities Committee

No report was presented. This committee did not meet in October or November. Bonnie Mitchell-Clark would like Marilyn Clark and Myron Thompson to join this committee. Bonnie plans to hold a meeting prior to the end of the year to discuss her transition off the Equity Council.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (f)
Ad-Hoc Community Involvement Committee

No report was presented.

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

Special Education Advisory Board – Hazel Forsythe recommended the Special Education Advisory Task Force remain in place after the audit is completed.

Budget – There was no report provided.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (h)
Equity Policy

Darryl Thompson distributed copies of a draft of the proposed Equity Policy. He stated that Superintendent Caulk has the document, and he is reviewing it. Ron asked if the Equity Council could receive an electronic copy of the Equity Policy. Darryl said he would confer with Superintendent Caulk before sending the electronic version of the Equity Policy to the Equity Council.

Darryl Thompson mentioned that there will be an onboarding process for new and incumbent Equity Council members. Roy Woods also suggested that the Equity Council meet with the Board of Education in January or February to share what the Council has done and to hear what the Board wants the Council to do.

Ron Langley thanked Bonnie Mitchell-Clark for her service on the Equity Council. Darryl Thompson asked us to stand and thank Bonnie Mitchell-Clark and Jerry Sims for their commitment to the Equity Council and Fayette County Public Schools. Roy Woods also thanked them and asked that they remain on their committees for a couple months to assist with the transition.

JoJuana Leavell-Greene asked which schools will present in January and requested that no more than two schools present on the same day. Darryl Thompson said there will be a new schedule in January, and there will not be more than two presentations at the Equity Council meetings.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Ron Langley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara Szwilski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.