

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
December 5, 2017

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christian Adair, Craig Cammack, David Cozart, Sara Green, Susan McLaughlin-Jones, Sharon Mofield-Boswell

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Hodge, Stephanie Hong, Torrey Woods

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Daniels

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emmanuel Caulk, Justin Rivers, Darryl Thompson, Sarah Gaines

CALL TO ORDER

David Cozart called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

I. ROUTINE MATTERS

AGENDA ITEM 1 (a)

Roll Call

Sara Green called the roll.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (b)

Moment of Silence

David Cozart mentioned the wildfires in California and asked that they observe a moment of silence.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (c)
Reading of Mission Statement

Susan McLaughlin-Jones read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (d)
Approval of Minutes

Craig Cammack offered a motion to accept the minutes from the November 14 special called meeting. Christian Adair seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (e)
Reading of Standards of Practice Agreement

David Cozart directed the Council's attention to the Standards of Practice agreement.

II. UPDATES

AGENDA ITEM 2 (f)
Public Participation/Comment(s)

No one signed-up to speak.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (g)
Equity Council Chair Report

David Cozart did not have any items for presentation or discussion.

III. REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 3 (h)
Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Caulk mentioned the Herald-Leader article regarding the STEAM Academy relocating 10th-12th graders to the BCTC Cooper Drive campus for the 2018-19 school year. He also mentioned that the re-engagement and dropout prevention center will be housed at 1555 Georgetown Road.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (i)
Equity Council Liaison Report

Darryl Thompson mentioned the presentation by representatives (Kevin Brown, Amy Peabody, and Earl Simms) of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) who provided an update to the FCPS Board of Education on promulgated Charter School administrative regulations. Darryl also gave an overview of the FCPS Board's action/decision related to the Equity Council Committee's (ECC) comprehensive amendments to the ECC Bylaws at their planning meeting on December 4. Particularly, Article IV., Composition that drew great attention due to its focus on the future composition of the ECC. Mr. Thompson informed the ECC of the FCPS Board's action of rejecting the recommended language presented to the FCPS Board that, "*The role of the ECC is to monitor the work of Fayette County Public Schools and access policies and practices established by the Fayette County Board of Education. Therefore, it is not prudent for a majority of the ECC to be employees and/or staff members of FCPS (at all levels of administration and teaching/support staff). With this, there shall be no more than three (3) voting members of the ECC who are employed by FCPS in any manner. This shall prevent a majority vote from FCPS staff alone for any instance in which the ECC has a quorum.*"

The Board will talk with the District's legal counsel (Shelley Chatfield) regarding changes to the proposed bylaws that preclude employees of FCPS or their spouses from serving on the Equity Council. The first read will be on Monday, December 18, and the second read will be on Monday, January 8.

The Equity Council Committee voted to elect six new members to the Council for 2018-2019. The votes were cast as follows:

Denise Brown

David Cozart made a motion to nominate Ms. Brown, and Christian Adair seconded the motion. Christian Adair, Craig Cammack, David Cozart, and Sara Green voted yes. Susan McLaughlin-Jones and Sharon Mofield-Boswell voted no. The motion passed.

Betsy Dobbs

Sara Green made a motion to nominate Ms. Dobbs, and Craig Cammack seconded the motion. Craig Cammack, David Cozart, Sara Green, Susan McLaughlin-Jones, and Sharon Mofield-Boswell voted yes. Christian Adair voted no. The motion passed.

Malkanthie McCormick

Sara Green made a motion to nominate Ms. McCormick, and Susan McLaughlin-Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Bret Nathaniel

Sara Green made a motion to nominate Mr. Nathaniel, and Craig Cammack seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Sherelle Pierre

Craig Cammack made a motion to nominate Ms. Pierre, and Sara Green seconded the motion. Christian Adair, Craig Cammack, David Cozart, and Sara Green voted yes. Susan McLaughlin-Jones and Sharon Mofield-Boswell voted no. The motion passed.

Carlos Ross

Craig Cammack made a motion to nominate Mr. Ross, and Sara Green seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Obie Taylor

Christian Adair made a motion to nominate Mr. Taylor, and David Cozart seconded the motion. Christian Adair and David Cozart voted yes. Craig Cammack, Sara Green, Susan McLaughlin-Jones, and Sharon Mofield-Boswell voted no. The motion failed.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (j)
Board Member Reflection

Ray Daniels mentioned that the Board has not heard any final determination on the pension fund issue as it relates to a special legislative session or proposed bill language.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (k)
Subcommittee Reports

- ✓ **Student Success: Educational Excellence and Equity** – Sharon Mofield-Boswell and Sara Green met and discussed unfilled substitute teacher positions. They also have data through 2016 on gifted and minority students.
 - Student Placement and Accommodations** – no report
 - Suspension Reduction and Drop-Out Prevention** – no report
- ✓ **Minority Recruitment & Retention** – no report
- ✓ **Bylaws Updates and Revisions** – no report
- ✓ **Student, Family, and Community Engagement** – FAMU will be held Saturday, December 9 at Frederick Douglass High School.
- ✓ **Data, Research, and Accountability** – no report
- ✓ **Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise** – no report

IV. OTHER COMMUNICATION

Darryl Thompson presented each member of the Equity Council with a small service gift of appreciation on behalf of the Office of Equity, School Support, and Community Engagement.

V. NEXT STEPS AND TAKE-AWAYS

David Cozart discussed the transition of new Equity Council members and committees.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Mofield-Boswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan McLaughlin-Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.