

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
January 5, 2016

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Cleveland, Stephanie Hong, Andrea James, Ron Langley, JoJuana Leavell-Greene, Ron Mack, Sharon Mofield-Boswell, Isabel Taylor, Roy Woods

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Cozart, John Ferguson, Hazel Forsythe, Brian Hodge, Sara Szwilski

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amanda Ferguson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emmanuel Caulk, Marilyn Clark, Michael Dailey, Susan McLaughlin-Jones (Lafayette High School), Vickie Ritchie, Sarah Gaines

CALL TO ORDER

Roy Woods called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

I. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1 (a)

Reading of Mission Statement

Andrea James read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (b)

Approval of Minutes

JoJuana Leavell-Greene offered a motion to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2015 meeting. Ron Langley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved. Ron Langley offered a motion to accept the minutes from the December 16, 2015

special meeting. Andrea James 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 Superintendent Manny Caulk and Board Member Amanda Ferguson. Roy also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (d)
Updates

Roy Woods would like to schedule a meeting with the Equity Council and the Board of Education. He requested all Equity Council members submit a brief bio for the Equity Council page on the District website. He also requested each committee chairperson schedule his/her first committee meeting for the year and prepare and submit a document indicating the purpose of the committee and the desired outcomes. This document should be submitted to the Office of Equity, School Support and Community Engagement by Friday, January 8, 2016. Ron Langley and Isabel Taylor have already submitted their committees' information. Ron stated he did not include measurable objectives, and also suggested that anyone joining the Objective Equity Indicators committee be comfortable working with data.

Roy mentioned that the bylaws will be reviewed this year, and Ron Langley will chair the Bylaws committee. Roy and Ron stated they would like new and returning Equity Council members, as well as Darryl Thompson or a FCPS staff member from the Office of Equity, School Support and Community Engagement, to serve on the Bylaws committee. The following Equity Council members will serve on the Bylaws committee: Andrea James, Ron Langley (chair), JoJuana Leavell-Greene, Ron Mack, Sharon Mofield-Boswell, and Roy Woods.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 2 (a)
Ad-Hoc Suspensions Committee and Agreement

No report was presented. The committee is trying to identify the District person who will provide the data they need.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (b)
Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

No report was presented. Isabel Taylor asked if this committee's focus includes the placement of English Language Learners. Roy Woods asked Michael Dailey if he had knowledge of this, and he shared that there has been discussion about expanding the achievement gap areas to include English Language Learners. Isabel Taylor expressed interest in joining the committee.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (c)
Objective Equity Indicators Committee

No report was presented. The committee is waiting for data for the next district scorecard. Roger Cleveland will be joining this committee.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (d)
Positive District Actions/Community Issues Committee

Isabel Taylor stated the committee will be reassessing its goals and priorities for 2016, and she recommended changing the meeting time to 3:00 p.m. She also reiterated how helpful Meribeth Gaines has been and requested she remain on this committee. Andrea James will join this committee.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (e)
Resources and Facilities Committee

Bonnie Mitchell-Clark was the chairperson for this committee, and she is no longer on the Equity Council. Therefore, no report was presented. Sharon Mofield-Boswell and Ron Mack will join this committee.

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

Jerry Sims was the chairperson for this committee, and he is no longer on the Equity Council. Therefore, no report was presented. Stephanie Hong and Sharon Mofield-Boswell will join this committee. Stephanie will serve as the chairperson. However, she envisions working with the larger community, not just one school. Ron Langley explained the history behind the relationship with Millcreek Elementary. The initial intention was to see how intense involvement with one school would impact the achievement gap. Stephanie will invite the entire Equity Council to the first committee meeting to assist with shaping the framework for this committee. Susan McLaughlin-Jones shared that partnerships go two ways.

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

Special Education Advisory Board – No report was presented.

Budget – There was no report provided. However, Stephanie Hong mentioned that the staff usually prepares a preliminary budget in January for the next school year. Andrea James will be joining this committee.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (h)
Equity Policy

In Darryl Thompson's absence, Roy Woods briefly mentioned the Equity Policy. However, he stated Darryl would provide an update on the status of the Equity Policy upon his return next month.

Due to the resignation of Jack Lyons, there is still one vacancy on the Equity Council. Melissa Bacon has been asked to appoint someone to fill Jack's unexpired term.

Roy Woods encouraged Equity Council members to attend the Board meetings.

III. ADJOURNMENT

JoJuana Leavell-Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roger Cleveland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.