

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
March 1, 2016

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Cozart, Hazel Forsythe, Ron Langley, Sara Szwilski

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Clark, Michael Dailey, Jimmy Meadows, Myron Thompson, Darryl Thompson, Sarah Gaines

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1 (a)

Reading of Mission Statement

John Ferguson read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (b)

Approval of Minutes

JoJuana Leavell-Greene offered a motion to accept the minutes from the February 2, 2016 meeting. Sharon Mofield-Boswell 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. There was a moment of silence in honor of John Price.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (d)
Updates

Roy Woods shared that HB 29, sponsored by Kelly Flood, has passed. This bill requires the amendment of KRS 160.352 to require a school equity council member be appointed to the superintendent screening committee, if an equity council exists. The bill must now go to the senate for approval.

The Equity Council will have a retreat in late April or early May. Board members will also be invited to attend.

Roy also asked Council members to please complete the plus/delta forms in order to provide feedback to those who have presentations.

Darryl Thompson spoke SB 1 and other bills that have been filed that pertaining to education or could impact education. Going forward, he will send Council members emails with links for the various bills under consideration.

JoJuana Leavell-Greene asked when Melissa Bacon will appoint someone to replace Jack Lyons.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (e)
Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Caulk was not in attendance. Darryl Thompson shared the following on behalf of Superintendent Caulk:

- Surveys were sent to students, families and community members.
- Community Listen sessions will be held on March 15 and March 17 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (The location has yet to be determined.)
- Book Clubs will be held at Joseph-Beth Booksellers on March 22 (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) and the Lexington Public Library Northside Branch on March 24 (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.). The featured book is Amanda Ripley's, *The Smartest Kids in the World: And How They Got That Way*.
- Audits are still being completed. The District Diagnostic Review will be performed between March 13-18 by the Kentucky Department of Education and Advanced Education. We will be evaluated on five standards, 1) Purpose and Direction, 2) Governance and Leadership, 3) Curriculum and Instruction: Instructional Design and Assessment, 4) Resources and Services, and 5) Assessment and Data.
- We continue to focus on novice reduction.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (f)
Board Member in Attendance Reflection

A board member was not present.

AGENDA ITEM 1 (g)
Mental Health

Faith Thompson, Doug Adams, Velva Reed-Barker, Diane Shuffett, and Whitney Stevenson provided a mental health presentation.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Brian Hodge has received the suspension data, and expects to present the report at the April 5 Equity Council meeting.

School Presentation: Principal Cecil Combs, Associate Principal Jennifer Kendall, and PGES Coach Tonya Smith presented on behalf of Jessie Clark Middle School.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (b)
Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

In Hazel Forsythe's absence, Darryl Thompson gave updates. The R.E.S.E.T. panel is looking at modifying its process, as well as creating an electronic application. The day of the meeting may also change to avoid conflicting with the District Leadership Meeting that is also held on Wednesday morning.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (c)
Objective Equity Indicators Committee

Ron Langley was not present. A report was not provided.

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

Isabel Taylor stated that the committee met with Hazel Forsythe regarding working collaboratively with the Student Placement/Accommodations Committee. The Student Placement/Accommodations Committee will focus on transition services for English Language Learners. Isabel will work with the Student Placement/Accommodations Committee in this effort.

They are also going to speak with Meribeth Gaines and directors concerning the monitoring of minority representation.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (e)
Resources and Facilities Committee

Sharon Mofield-Boswell met with Bonnie Mitchell-Clark and Roy Woods. They shared the committee's history and charge with her. North and South Issues and Magnet Programs will be the committee's top two priorities this year. The meeting day and time will likely change.

Darryl Thompson also mentioned that the Local Planning Committee (LPC) will be reconvened.

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

The committee met on February 8. Stephanie Hong made three recommendations to the Equity Council, 1) dissolve this ad-hoc committee, 2) add an Equity Council member to the Community Partnership Leadership Team (CPLT), and 3) hold an Equity Council retreat.

A motion was made by Isabel Taylor and seconded by Andrea James to accept the first recommendation. The vote was unanimous. Roy Woods asked Brian Hodge to contact Greg Ross, the principal of Millcreek Elementary School, at the appropriate time to invite him and his staff to share with the Equity Council the impact of this committee's work.

A motion was made by Andrea James and seconded by Sharon Mofield-Boswell to accept the second recommendation. The vote was unanimous. (This will require an amendment to the CPLT by-laws.)

Because plans are underway for the Equity Council retreat, Stephanie withdrew her third recommendation.

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

Special Education Advisory Board – This board met on February 11. They discussed the mission and goals of the board and family involvement.

Budget – This committee meets quarterly. They did not meet in February. Therefore, a report was not presented.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (h)
Equity Policy

The Equity Policy has been reviewed and vetted, and Superintendent Caulk has it. The Equity Plan should align with Superintendent Caulk's entry plan following the audits.

Roy Woods expressed concern regarding the reduction of staff in the Office of Equity. He also asked those on the By-laws Committee to complete the Doodle poll. Darryl Thompson recommended having standards of practice for the By-laws Committee. He also encouraged Equity Council members to attend Board meetings.

III. ADJOURNMENT

JoJuana Leavell-Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Hong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.