

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #44 (2008-2009)

August 25, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEMBER

ASD Goal: Ensure public accountability through effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board appoint James LaBelle, Jr. (Attachment A) to the Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC).

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School Board has established one advisory committee to the School Board, and it is the Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC). Its primary purpose is to advise the School Board and the Superintendent on a regular basis regarding 1) the educational program as it relates to the education of minority students K-12 districtwide; 2) citizen involvement in school activities on minority educational issues; 3) specific minority community concerns; and 4) such matters with respect to the District-at-large as may be identified by the School Board or the Superintendent. There are other issues of importance for the Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC) as outlined in the Guidelines.

As of July 1, 2008, there was one opening on the committee. The MECAC subcommittee and the school board liaison interviewed two candidates on July 24, 2008. The committee unanimously agreed to take Mr. LaBelle's name forward to the school board for their approval.

Attachment

CC/RG

Prepared & Approved by: Rhonda Gardner, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FORM
~~MINORITY~~ EDUCATION CONCERNS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the Anchorage School Board. The Committee is comprised of volunteer citizens who meet the following qualifications:

- interested in improving education for District students and a commitment to the purpose of the District MECAC;
- willing and able to attend meetings regularly;
- committed to working toward increased communication with the community in the conduct of MECAC affairs and;
- not an employee of the Anchorage School District.

The stated purpose of the committee is to review and make recommendations to the School Board relating to the education of minority students K through 12 Districtwide.

The MECAC holds at least one meeting each month; subcommittees also meet. The total time requirement of members is approximately 10 to 12 hours monthly. 7/24
5:30

NAME OF APPLICANT: James Labelle Jr. DATE: 7/08/08

STREET ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: Anchorage STATE: AK ZIP: 99504

TELEPHONE: (HOME) [REDACTED] (WORK) [REDACTED]

1. In which high school attendance area do you reside? Bartlett

2. Do you wish to be identified as a member of a minority group? _____ Yes _____ No

3. Have you been a member of MECAC in the past? No
If yes, how many terms have you served? _____
When? _____

4. Can you commit to 10 to 12 hours per month? Yes
If yes, check all that apply: days noon only
 evenings weekends

5. Years of residence in Municipality? 26

6. Do you presently have, or have you had, children in the Anchorage School District? How many children?

Yes. 3 children

7. Where did you receive your formal education? Anchorage schools

8. List your involvement with any educational activities:

Alaska Team - Educational Outcomes for youth in Foster Care.

9. List other community/fraternal/church related activities you participate in:

N/A

10. Why would you want to serve on MECAC:

Because I believe there are solutions & opportunities that will help our young people succeed academically and prepare them for life and work beyond high school.

11. What contributions can you make? What are your strengths?

Having been raised in both Anchorage & rural AK, as well as being a parent of children in Anchorage schools, plus my work & life experience has given me a unique perspective.

12. How did you become informed about the opportunity to serve on this committee?

From the president of the committee.

13. All applications should be forwarded to:

Anchorage School District
Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
5530 E Northern Lights Blvd
Anchorage, AK 99504-3135
Telephone: 742-4321