

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #35 (2002-2003)

August 26, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board extend the appointments of the following individuals to the Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC) for terms expiring on June 30, 2004.

- James Allen
- Richard Benavides
- Talakai Finau
- Paul Swetzof
- Alfredia Tyler

It is further recommended that the School Board appoint the following individuals (Attachments A, B, and C) to the Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC) for terms expiring on June 30, 2004:

- Kameron Holloway
- Angela Jimenez
- Atisa Logo

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School Board has established one advisory committee to the School Board. This committee is the Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC), whose 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 Committee (MECC) as outlined in the Guideline.

The members of the MECC were polled individually to determine their interest in extending terms for those members whose terms would expire on June 30, 2002. Members felt the group was making good progress and beginning projects that would benefit from the continuity of the current membership. James Allen, Richard Benavides, Talakai Finau, Alfredia Tyler and Paul Swetzof all requested to serve another year. Three additional members have terms expiring June 30, 2004.

Interviews were held on July 31 and August 7, 2002, for the remaining three seats. Mary Marks, School Board representative to the MECC, James Allen, MECC member, Margo Bellamy, EEO Officer, and Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, made up the interview committee. Of the five qualified candidates, three were recommended to Superintendent Carol Comeau as persons whose personal skills and varied backgrounds would complement the committee and advance its mission.

On August 12, 2002, ASD Memorandum #22 was presented to the School Board requesting approval to extend the appointments of James Allen, Richard Benavides, Talakai Finau, Paul Swetzof, and Alfredia Tyler for one year; terms which would expire in June 2003. According to the MECC guidelines, the appointments should have been extended for two years instead of one year. Therefore, ASD Memorandum #35 is requesting approval to extend the appointments for James Allen, Richard Benavides, Talakai Finau, Paul Swetzof, and Alfredia Tyler for two years, terms which would expire in June 2004.

CC/JC

Attachments

Prepared/Approved by: Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction