

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS COMMITTEE

MINUTES
September 19, 2002

The Minority Education Concerns Committee met on Thursday, September 19, 2002, in Room #320 in the ASD Administration Building.

GUESTS: Darlene Herrera, State of Alaska Division of Insurance, presented information about the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. They will need mentors and judges to help with the program.

Debbie Bogart - Director of Community Education, advised the Committee that the Multi-Cultural Student Leadership Conference will be held on April 4, 2003. They are organizing a student planning committee and may be looking for a facility for about 200 students. College scholarships will be available. James offered to share a video from Juneteenth.

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - RICHARD BENAVIDES

The meeting was called to order by Richard Benavides at 7:05 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Excused</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
James Allen		Talakai Finau
Richard Benavides		Reality Canty
Angela Jimenez		
Clarissa Ridgway		
Victoria Parham		
Atisa Logo		
Paul Swetzof		
Kameron Holloway		
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Others Present

Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Mary Marks, School Board Member
Marsha Haas, Executive Secretary, Instruction

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION:

Moved by Richard Benavides
Seconded by Angela Jimenez

to approve the agenda for the
September 19, 2002, meeting

VOTE:

Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION:

Moved by Angela Jimenez
Seconded by Victoria Parham

to approve the minutes from the
August 15, meeting

VOTE:

Motion passed unanimously.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Carol Comeau will be in Washington, D.C. to attend a conference on Project Achieve. The project is funded by the Federal Government through the individual states. ASD is hoping to pick two elementary schools and two middle schools to participate.

As of September 16, there were 50,048 students in the Anchorage School District.

Carol advised the committee to read the curriculum audit recommendations. The first goals for the District will be to close the achievement gap and produce a six-year plan for curriculum development. A big part of the plan will be working through the budget process to build successful programs. Carol will prepare her response to the audit recommendations and respond to the School Board within 45 days

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Student Advisory Board Retreat will be held at Steller Secondary School on Tuesday, September 24 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Clarissa will attend to represent MECC.

There will be a School Board Work Session on September 20 at 5:00 to discuss the No Child left Behind Act.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

7. NEW BUSINESS

MECC representatives were appointed to the following committees: Angela will serve on the Capital Request Advisory Committee; Richard and Atisa will serve on the Controversial Concerns Committee.

The rest of the evening was spent on the strategic plan for the 2002-2003 school year. The Committee agreed to keep the same goals as last year, but revise the activities for each goal. Following are the goals, members of each sub-committee and the activities planned to reach the goal

Goal #1 - Curriculum (Richard/Paul/Alfredia)

The MECC recognizes the importance of curriculum beginning in elementary school and will work with staff, administration and students to develop a standards-based curriculum that will allow all students to develop to their full potential.

Activities: Curriculum Audit
No Child Left Behind

Goal #2 - Monitoring (Kameron/Atisa/James)

The MECC will monitor the progress of minority students by meeting with counselors, working with the EEO officer to study reports of diversity statistics and tracking due process procedures for suspended students.

Activities: Curriculum Audit
No Child Left Behind
Discipline Issues
Ethnic ID Categories

Goal #3 - Outreach (Clarissa/Victoria/Angela)

MECC will reach out to the minority community through enhanced public awareness, improved parent involvement and increased information sharing via newsletters, use of the ASD Website, and Email contacts.

Activities: Public Awareness
Website
Channel 14
Parent Meetings

Drafts of each committee's task plan are due in October.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.