

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS COMMITTEE

MINUTES
May 20, 2004

The Minority Education Concerns Committee met on Thursday, May 20, 2004, at 12:00 in Room #202 in the ASD Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by William Johnson

Members Present

William Johnson	Helen Sharratt
Atisa Logo	Alfredia Tyler
Diane Heard	Jesse Vizcocho
Phyllis Morrell	Angela Jimenez
Richard Benavides	Charlene Gibbs

Excused

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Others Present

Margo Bellamy - EEO Director
Gail Raymond - Coordinator, Science Program
Edna Lamebull - Supervisor, Indian Education
Macon Roberts - School Board
Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Marsha Haas, Executive Secretary, Instruction

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION

Moved by Jesse Vizcocho	to approve the agenda for the
Seconded by Charlene Gibbs	May 20, 2004, Meeting

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION

Moved by Jesse Vizcocho	to approve the minutes from the
Seconded by Alfredia Tyler	April 15, 2004 meeting

VOTE:

Motion passed unanimously.

Margo Bellamy addressed the group about teacher recruitment in the Anchorage School District. The District strives to meet not only the law regarding diversity, but also to meet the diversity of ASD students. Recruiting must meet all aspects of diversity with qualified people. Ms. Bellamy gave handouts to the members and asked them to send her any questions they might have. She said the draft of the Recruitment Plan would be presented to the MECC in August.

Gail Raymond presented the new curriculum guide for the Human Anatomy and Physiology course. The course has been revised to meet State standards. Phyllis Morrell asked to see a copy of the new textbook. Gail did not have a copy with her, but said she would get a copy to Phyllis.

Diane asked that the Curriculum sub-committee be included in course and textbook selection in the future.

William suggested creating a list of the standing curriculum committee opportunities that occur during the school year, so the MECC could be represented. Enid Hunter, Executive Director for Curriculum, will be invited to the August meeting.

Edna Lamebull presented the curriculum guide and materials for the new Alaska Studies course for juniors and seniors. This will be a pilot course starting in the fall of 2004-2005. This one semester course was approved by School Board at their meeting on December 10, 2001, as a social studies graduation requirement, starting with the Class of 2006

Diane moved that the Curriculum Committee meet to discuss the Human Anatomy and Physiology Curriculum Guide and textbook and present their findings to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee prior to the June 14 School Board meeting. William can give approval on behalf of the MECC. Jesse seconded the motion.

During discussion, Helen said information on curriculum changes should be given to the Committee one month prior to the School Board meeting.

Atisa favored having an MECC member on each of the curriculum committees who will then bring forward the information to the whole committee. Helen supported that idea.

Richard moved that the motion be brought back to the table. Diane seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Diane amended the motion to include the Alaska Studies Curriculum Guide and materials. Richard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The legislature passed the #82M for education funding, but retirement funding and rising energy costs will eat up a lot of that. Thanks to the passage of the legislation, the instructional items formerly cut from the budget will be reinstated at the School Board meeting on May 24, 2004.

5. William asked to table items 5 and 7a-d until the June meeting. Other agenda items will include the end of the year report and election of officers

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angela said the Capital Request Advisory Committee will be meeting in June to look at Proposition 5

7. OTHER

Diane expressed her disappointment at the lack of attendance by MECC members at the Volunteer Reception. Only Diane and Helen attended.

William would like to schedule a get together for members of MECC and the School Board. Diane would like to schedule it at a time other than the regular meeting time. William will rethink this for the June meeting.

Diane suggested inviting the School Resource Officers to future MECC meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.