

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 18, 2004

The Minority Education Concerns Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 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 12:30 p.m. by William Johnson

Members Present

William Johnson
Atisa Logo
Diane Heard

Skip Hrin
Phyllis Morrell
Richard Benavides

Excused

Helen Sharratt
Jesse Vizcocho

Members Absent

Alfredia Tyler
Angela Jimenez
Charlene Gibbs

Others Present

Macon Roberts, School Board Representative
Debbie Bogart, Director Community Services
Rhonda Gardner, NCLB Coordinator
Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Marsha Haas, Executive Secretary, Instruction

2. Debbie Bogart, Director of Community Services, told the group about the Multicultural Leadership Conference that will be held January 28 from 8:30-4:30 in the Egan Center. It is the eighteenth year of the conference.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION

Moved by Diane Heard
Seconded by Richard Benavides

to approve the agenda for the
September 16, 2004, meeting
with the addition of legislative
brief under announcements

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION

Moved by Richard Benavides
Seconded by Atisa Logo

to approve the minutes from the
September 16, 2004, meeting

VOTE:

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Rhonda Gardner, No Child Left Behind Coordinator for the District, gave the committee an update on what ASD is currently doing to meet the NCLB mandates. She said grades three through nine will be given new assessments this year.

Diane expressed concerns that parents do not choose to send their students to better performing schools when their home schools do not make Adequate Yearly Progress. Rhonda explained that one of the reasons is that Title I Schools have more programs available.

Phyllis said there should be additional education for parents to understand the pros and cons of moving their students.

Ms. Gardner asked the members to give their input to the draft of the District Improvement Plan, one of the requirements of NCLB.

6. Goals will be discussed at the January meeting.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Richard said some of the items being considered in the next legislative session include, mandatory kindergarten, youthful obesity, and revisions to NCLB.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.