

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS COMMITTEE

MINUTES
August 25, 2005

The Minority Education Concerns Committee met on Thursday, August 25, 2005, at 12:00 in the Superintendent's Conference Room in the ASD Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

William Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

Members Present

William Johnson
Richard Benavides
Alfredia Tyler

Excused

Atisa Logo

Absent

Phyllis Morrell

Others Present

Tim Steele, School Board member
Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Dr. Enid Hunter, Executive Director, Curriculum/Instructional Support

The current committee membership is five members, which makes three votes a simple majority. A simple majority is considered a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION

Moved by Richard Benavides to approve the agenda, for the August 25, 2005 meeting

Seconded by Alfredia Tyler

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the June 16 meeting were not available due to Ms. Haas' illness. They will be available at the September meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hunter announced an open house at the Boniface Center on September 30 from 3:00-6:00 P.M.

William Johnson reminded members that schools are opening and to try to attend Back to School Nights.

The MECC flyer will be available at the next meeting. Members can also download the flyer from the ASD Website.

5. GROUP DISCUSSION

Chair William Johnson asked for discussion about MECC

Richard Benavides - We need to go back and ask when is the best time to meet. Maybe change time.

William - We need to focus on goals we want to accomplish. We need to review where we have been. We need to focus on getting more things accomplished. There is never a shortage of work to do.

Richard - Asked how the interview process for new members was going.

William - Could meet on Tuesday, September 6 to review candidates and make recommendation to the School Board.

Enid Hunter - I was very impressed by the quality of the candidates. Enid briefed the committee about the four individuals who were interviewed.

6. EMPLOYER NOTIFICATION LETTERS

William - MECC should inform employer of each member to give them credit for service at MECC. Let them know we are conducting community business. Gives us a way to show our commitment to the community - gives strength to those who would like to be a member in the future. We could get support of the Superintendent and School Board President.

Tim Steele - Make sure member wants his/her employer to know about it.

7. END OF THE YEAR REPORT

William is preparing the report to the School Board, which is on the agenda for the September 12, 2005, meeting. He just needs to add the Curriculum report.

8. Dr. Hunter requested an MECC member to serve on the culturally responsive committee. Ms. Logo volunteered to serve on this committee.

9. GROUP DISCUSSION

The group discussed Adequate Yearly Progress across the District and graduation rates.

10. COMMUNITY FORUMS

Community Forums should be pushed to the top of the list. Committee members and administrators agreed it's a good idea. Hopefully they can at least get started this quarter.

11. TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

William referred to the Op-Ed Plan. Both Alfredia and Richard commented on it. Alfredia mentioned that she was at a meeting where this was discussed. She announced more training opportunities.

Richard said there are over 100 different types of training available in the State of Alaska.

William said he would like this information made available to parents.

Enid Hunter suggested Rick Rios, Director of Career Technology, attend MECC meetings.

William noted that students can't go to KCC if they are in remediation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.