

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES  
September 22, 2005

The Minority Education Concerns Committee met on Thursday, September 22, 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 12:20 p.m.

Members Present

William Johnson  
Richard Benavides  
Atisa Logo  
Phyllis Morrell

Excused

Alfredia Tyler

Others Present

Tim Steele, School Board member  
Crystal Kennedy, School Board member  
Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Marsha Haas, Executive Secretary, Instruction

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, as amended, for the September 22, 2005 meeting

Seconded by Phyllis Morrell

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION

Moved by Richard Benavides to approve the minutes, as amended, for the June 16, 2005, meeting

Seconded by Phyllis Morrell

Minutes for the June 16 meeting were not available at the August 25 meeting due to Ms. Haas' illness. They were presented at the September meeting

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION

Moved by Richard Benavides to approve the minutes, as amended, for the August 25, 2005, meeting

Seconded by Atisa Logo

Minutes for the June 16 meeting were not available at the August 25 meeting due to Ms. Haas' illness. They were presented at the September meeting.

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

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4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Benavides attended several of the Back to School Nights.

Ms. Christensen said MECC flyers were sent to all principals. Everyone should check to see that the flyers are made available at all schools.

The Youth Summit will be held at East High School on Saturday, October 24, from 12:00-2:00.

Mr. Benavides also attended the construction August 10 and August 17 tours of the new and renovated ASD facilities. Mr. Johnson thanked him for representing MECC.

5. ACTION

Moved by Richard Benavides to present the MECC recommended name change to the School Board at their October 10 meeting

Seconded by Phyllis Morrell

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

6. ACTION

Moved by Richard Benavides to table the election of officers until the October 20 meeting

Seconded by Phyllis Morrell

## Discussion

Mr. Benavides – not enough people to hold a fair election

Ms. Morrell – asked the reason for electing officers now

Ms. Logo – it is important to have leaders in place when the new members come on board. New members would not know anyone and it would put them in a difficult position to vote right away.

Mr. Johnson – the group is behind the date specified in their Guidelines for electing officers

Mr. Benavides – after listening to the discussion, supported electing officers today, since there are only five current members left and four of the five were present at the meeting

Mr. Benavides called the question and recommended a NO vote. The No votes carried and the motion failed

## 7. ACTION

Moved by Richard Benavides to retain the current officers for the 2005-2006 school year

Seconded by Phyllis Morrell

## VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Morrell asked how the Committee could prepare future leaders for the group.

Ms. Christen suggested a mentor/intern situation. She also recommended members attend School Board meetings.

Mr. Benavides reminded Mr. Johnson that he could ask another member to lead a meeting, which would be good practice for them.

Mr. Johnson agreed that any member of the Committee was qualified to lead.

Mr. Steele reminded the members that their leaders, in addition to having the ability, must show an interest and have the time.

8. ACTION

Moved by Phyllis Morrell

to accept all five candidates who were interviewed and take their names forward to the School Board for their approval at the October 10 meeting

Seconded by Richard Benavides

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

Candidates are

Karen Jenkins

Dan Loring

Charisse Millett

Damita Owen

Mani Phaophong

9. Mr. Johnson asked the members to come back to the next meeting (October 20) with broad goals for their respective committees

Mr. Benavides - Outreach

Ms. Logo and Mr. Johnson - Monitoring

Ms. Morrell - Curriculum

10. The committee requested from the Superintendent's office a copy of the video and any notes from the September 16 meeting with the Alaska Native students and their families at the Central Lutheran Church.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.