

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES  
January 19, 2006

The Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee met on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at 12:00 in Room #320 in the ASD Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

William Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Members Present

William Johnson  
Atisa Logo  
Angelina Burney  
Dan Loring  
Karen Jenkins  
Damita Owen  
Alfredia Tyler

Excused

Phyllis Morrell  
Charisse Millett  
Richard Benavides

Others Present

Tim Steele, School Board member  
Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent  
Enid Hunter, Executive Director, Curriculum/Instructional Support  
Michael Kerosky, Supervisor, Safe and Drug Free Schools  
Vicki Blakeney, Coordinator, Social & Emotional Learning  
Marsha Haas, Executive Secretary, Instruction

2. GUESTS

Ms. Blakeney and Mr. Kerosky presented the draft of the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Standards and Benchmarks. A steering committee of people from around the District and in the community has been meeting to design this new program. According to the Six-Year Instructional Plan, the SEL standards and benchmarks are scheduled to go before the school board for adoption in the spring. Prior to this time, they are seeking feedback from stakeholders and community members. Anchorage will be the fourth district in the nation to implement this program.

Social and emotional learning is the process through which we learn to recognize and manage emotions, care about others, make good decisions, behave ethically and responsibly, develop positive relationships, and avoid negative behaviors. It is the process through which students enhance their

ability to integrate thinking, feeling, and behaving in order to achieve important life tasks. The program will connect with other affective programs such as the Resolving Conflicts Creatively Program (RCCP) and Aggressors, Victims, Bullies (AVB) which are already in place. Dr. Hunter said the SEL standards overlap with the Culturally Responsive standards that are already part of the Six-Year Instructional Plan.

Mr. Steele asked about formal training for staff. Ms. Blakeney said there would be a class at the end of January.

Mr. Loring asked how the program would connect with parents. Ms. Blakeney told the group that they are working with the Anchorage Youth Development Coalition.

Dr. Hunter distributed copies of the calendar of Curriculum Committee meetings for the 2005-2006 school year. With the help of Kathy Griffith, ASD Webmaster, this information is now part of the Curriculum Department's information available on the ASD Website.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION

Moved by Angelina Burney to approve the agenda, for the January 19, 2006 meeting

Seconded by Damita Owen

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION

Moved by Damita Owen to approve the minutes, as corrected for the January 19, 2006 meeting

Seconded by Alfredia Tyler

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum - Dan Loring

The committee met and discussed the need to know when the different ASD curriculum committees met and what they were doing. He applauded Dr. Hunter and Webmaster Kathy Griffith for their efforts in putting together the calendar of meetings.

Monitoring – William Johnson

Mr. Johnson met informally with Attorney Rex Butler to discuss the brief program he has developed for students who are in the position of being disciplined.

Outreach – Damita Owen

The committee met twice to discuss how MECAC could be a better liaison between the community and the District. They suggested a two-year plan that would culminate with community forums the second year. This first year would be spent with MECAC members visiting two or three organizations a month to introduce the Committee.

6. ACTION

Moved by Damita Owen

that MECAC members commit to develop a two-year plan for Outreach that would involve individual meetings with community groups the first year and evolve the second year into community forums for parents to discuss their concerns and work together to find solutions.

Seconded by Dan Loring

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Loring questioned whether there would be a budget for the project. Mr. Steele explained that the MECAC doesn't have a budget.

Ms. Logo said all of the MECAC members are involved in other community groups. Mrs. Steele suggested that the committee should make a list of the groups everyone is involved in. Members are to report back to Ms. Haas with the names of their organizations, so she can compile a list for the committee.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

On February 1, the Women's Advisory Committee will be meeting with the Mayor. Ms. Owen will send out information to those who are interested in attending.

Mr. Johnson talked to members of the Native Advisory Committee.

Mr. Loring said collaboration is important to find common ground to unite groups to approach decision-makers.

8. ACTION

Moved by Dan Loring

that MECAC invite the native Advisory Committee and SouthCentral Educators Association to the February meeting.

Seconded by Karen Jenkins

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

9. ACTION

Moved by Angelina Burney

that MECAC have a winter retreat in February, date to be determined.

Seconded by Damita Owen

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.