

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES  
March 16, 2006

The Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee met on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 12:00 in Room #320 in the ASD Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

William Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Members Present

William Johnson  
Atisa Logo  
Dan Loring  
Karen Jenkins  
Alfredia Tyler

Damita Owen  
\*Richard Benavides  
\*Phyllis Morrell  
\*Charisse Millett

Members Excused

Angelina Burney

\*The MECAC members who are serving the Alaska State legislature in Juneau participated by telephone.

Others Present

Carol Comeau, Superintendent  
Tim Steele, School Board member  
Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent  
Margo Bellamy, EEO Director  
Robb Boyer, Director Recruiting and Staff Development  
Rhonda Gardner, Director, Accountability/School Improvement  
Marsha Haas, Executive Secretary, Instruction

2. Superintendent Carol Comeau gave a presentation on the School Bonds that will be on the April 4 ballot.

Tim Steele said ASD needs to continue to upgrade all of the schools and reminded the group that the District did not take any bonds forward last year. People need to know that the District is paying down on current bonds. Advocacy by everyone is important.

The Capital Improvements Projects committee meets four times a year to address maintenance for the District. It is a citizen driven process.

Mr. Loring presented future topics for the MECAC to consider.

-how the budget affects parent outreach

- discussion of an ombudsman position within ASD
- collective bargaining agreements
- the diversity plan
- academic achievement/ graduation rates
- a look at the General Fund over the last ten years
- debt reimbursement over the last ten years

3. Rhonda Gardner presented the No Child Left Behind Consolidated Grant Application for the committee's input. The grant will be taken to the School Board for approval in June.
4. Margo Bellamy and Robb Boyer presented the District's Diversity Plan for teacher recruitment.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION

Moved by Richard Benavides to approve the agenda, for the March 16, 2006, meeting

Seconded by Dan Loring

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION

Moved by Richard Benavides to approve the minutes for the February 16, 2006, meeting

Seconded by Dan Loring

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no sub-committee reports

8. ACTION

Moved by Dan Loring Any MECAC member who wants to accept the invitation from the Hanshew parent to attend the meeting between the parent and Superintendent Carol Comeau at the end of the month and report back to the committee at the April meeting should do so.

Seconded by Charisse Millett

There was much discussion about the appropriateness of an MECAC member sitting in on the meeting. Ms. Logo felt the meeting was a private discussion between the parent and the Superintendent, and that Ms. Comeau would report back to the MECAC as to how they could best support the parent. Mr. Loring said the request for support came from the parent, and therefore, MECAC could attend the meeting, understanding that if issues of confidentiality came up, they could be asked to step out of the meeting.

VOTE

There were four ayes and two nays. Motion passed.

9. ACTION

Moved by Dan Loring to approve the application of  
Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell

Seconded by Damita Owen

VOTE

Motion passed unanimously.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.