

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
September 21, 2006

The Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee met at 12:00 on Thursday, September 21, 2006, in Room #320 in the ASD Administration Building.

MECAC Chair Damito Owen called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Members Present

Damito Owen
Charisse Millett
Dan Loring
William Johnson
Atisa Logo

Members Excused

Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell
Karen Jenkins

Members Absent

Richard Benavides
Alfredia Tyler

Other Present

Crystal Kennedy, School Board Member
Rhonda Gardner, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Jerry Sjolander, Executive Director, Special Education
Marsha Haas, Executive Secretary, Instruction

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Owen added two items to the agenda. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Loring seconded the motion that the agenda for the September 21, 2006 meeting be approved as amended. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Loring seconded the motion that the minutes for the August 17, 2006 meeting be approved as read. Motion passed.

Announcements

Discussion about Gang Violence / Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
Saturday, September 23 at 9:30 a.m.

College Information / East High School
Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

College/Career Fair / Egan Center

Monday/Tuesday, October 30 & 31, 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

National Indian Education Association in October

Alaska Federation of Natives in October

Cook Inlet Tribal Council Parent Advisory Committee

Election of Officers

End of October/beginning of November

Fairview Community Council / Fairview Elementary School

Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Old Business

Ms. Owen would like the committee to look at the ASD Personnel Report and find a way to make a recommendation to the School Board regarding minority hire. Ms. Logo added that everyone should look within their own communities to encourage minority students to become teachers. Mr. Loring suggested talking to minority teachers who are working in the District to see what suggestions they have.

Ms. Owen reminded everyone that the kickoff for the Budget Review process would be at Wendler Middle School on September 28. She encouraged everyone to join a team.

Regarding the parent of the special education student who was requesting bus service at his home, Ms. Owen said that there are procedures in place for such issues. This parent was also unhappy about the customer service he received from the District.

New Business – individual reports

Ms. Logo – working with Vonnie Gaither, Career Resource Advisor at East, on the college information night

Mr. Johnson – working on the End-of-the-Year Report to the School Board to be presented at the October 2 Board Meeting; attended the Youth Summit and the Gurian presentation

Ms. Millett – would like to be appointed to the Outreach Committee; Dimond/Mears is her attendance area

Mr. Loring - attended the Youth Summit and the West High School Open House. He would like to add Service to the attendance areas he can cover. Also, want to make sure the Public Forums address school maintenance and improvement.

Ms. Owen - attended Aquarian Charter School's Open House; questioned why there are not enough textbooks; she is looking into a group e-mail account for the committee.

Sub-Committee Reports - scheduled meetings

Outreach - Saturday, September 23, at 4:15 / Barnes & Noble

Curriculum - Saturday, October 7, at 10:00 / Denny's on DeBarr & Bragaw

Monitoring - Thursday, October 12 (time and location TBD)

Patricia McRae, Executive Director of Elementary Education, will present the Elementary Reading Initiative at the 4:30 meeting on Wednesday, October 4

Adjournment

Ms. Owen adjourned the meeting at 1:35.