

Multicultural Education Concerns Advisory Committee
May 21, 2009

INFORMAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Dr. Ellsworth James
Polly Miller
Atisa Logo

Members Absent

James Beverly	Jonathan Larson
Lamin Jobarteh	James LaBelle
Fa'aana Tosi	Dan Loring
Lori Pickett	Damito Owen

Others

Rhonda Gardner, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Jeannie Mackie, School Board Member
Ed Graff, Executive director, Elementary Education
Mrs. Anthony-Pierre and daughter

There was no quorum, so no business was conducted.

Dr. James asked Mrs. Anthony-Pierre to share her concerns about a situation that occurred with her daughter. Her daughter explained why she didn't think the district had done enough to help her.

Ms. Gardner discussed the role of the committee to generalize parent concerns to make recommendations to the school board regarding policy, programming and training, but not to get involved in the specifics of a particular situation. The role of MECAC is to help people connect to and maneuver through the system.

There was discussion of the importance of community service, returning phone calls, closing the loop, and recognizing people's emotions in an issue.

Dr. James discussed the value of elders in the school.

Ms. Logo shared information from the Health Curriculum Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50.