



Anchorage School District
Educating All Students for Success in Life

Multicultural Education Concerns Advisory Committee

MECAC

March 28, 2014

Speak Hope. Speak Love. Speak Life Conference

Shiloh Baptist Church

6-8 pm

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

6:00-6:10

2. What is MECAC?

6:10-6:30

3. Comments & MECAC Survey:

- A. Ed Graff, Superintendent
- B. Tasha Boyer, Student Advisory Board President
- C. MECAC Survey Topics & Results

6:30-7:30

4. Public Comment:

A. Ways To provide comment:

- I. **Publicly** tonight or at a MECAC Meeting
- II. **Written** by submitting questions tonight or,
- III. **Online** anytime by using the comment link on the ASD website
<http://www.asdk12.org/parents/>

B. Public Comment Guidelines/Ground Rules:

- I. No sign-up necessary.
- II. Each speaker will state their first and last name before making comments.
- III. Each speaker is limited to 2 minutes. Timer will engage after you state your name.
- IV. Speak on your choice of topic, a MECAC survey topic, or see list on the back of this agenda

7:30-8:00

5. Q & A: Based on written questions submitted tonight. Throughout the evening, ASD staff will collect questions written on the 'Questions/Ideas/Concerns Form'

6. Announcements/Closing:

A. **Stand Against Racism Day:** April 25, 2014.

Join the ASD and YWCA in this national movement to eliminate racism. Sign your organization or group up to participate in **Stand Against Racism Day @** www.standagainstracism.org. Recognize the day sharing the pledge against racism with your group or organization.

Next MECAC Meeting:

May 29, 2014

6-8 PM

Catholic Social Services
3710 E. 20th Avenue

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MECAC welcomes comment or questions from the public on any ASD topic, process, procedure, service or program including but not limited to the following:

1. Your experience in the ASD.
2. What are the hopes for your children when they go to school in the Anchorage School District?
3. What do you see as barriers to accessing quality education and educational resources?
 - a. What can the district do to bridge these barriers?
 - b. What do you believe are the underlying causes or reasons for these barriers?
4. What are some effective ways to engage other community members in your group(s)?
 - a. How can we get youth, parents, organizations, businesses, schools, media, etc. involved and interacting?
 - b. What do you see as possible next steps?
5. Comment or submit a question on any item on the MECAC Survey:

The Achievement Gap

Student Discipline

Instructional Supports for English Language

Parent Involvement

Communication

MECAC Initiatives

Diversity

Budget

Special Education

Access to Online Inquiries from the Community

Cultural Competency

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

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6. What is a unique challenge of ethnic students in school?
 - a. How can the district address/meet this challenge?
 7. What has enabled you/your student to receive a quality education in the Anchorage School District?
 - a. What else is needed?
 8. What in your family, school or community has empowered you as a learner?