

## Desegregation Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Annie C. Merts Center

**Call to Order:** A non-public meeting of the DAC was held at the Annie C. Merts Center on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair, Keith Poe.

**Members in Attendance:** Members of the DAC in attendance were Sam Barnes, Savitha Venkatesh, Lonette Jenkins-Bell, Angela Whaley (by phone), Kimberly Flint, Julian Parker, Laura Lemley, Vinny Argentina, Keith Poe, and Preeti Francis.

A quorum of the DAC was established at this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was the regular monthly meeting of the DAC.

Approval of August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes: A few changes to the minutes were suggested. Vinny Argentina moved to approve the minutes as amended, Keith Poe seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

Status of replacement member: Ashley Sparks has resigned from the DAC. Keith Poe has notified the Department of Justice attorneys, Huntsville City Schools attorneys, and Judge Haikala. There is also a possibility that we will need to replace one of the new student members since we have not received any communication from that student.

Discussion on non-participating member removal: The DAC is going to request that our email address be included in the letter that is sent to new members notifying them that they have been selected to serve on the committee. If a new member has not contacted the DAC by email or responded to any correspondence from the DAC by August 31<sup>st</sup> we will ask the parties to step in and find a replacement member. If any DAC member has not participated in any way for 60 consecutive days we will ask the parties to intervene and find a replacement member. Vinny Argentina moved to approve this new policy, Laura Lemley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Discussion and vote on new positions: Two new positions were proposed – Parliamentarian and Report Coordinator. The DAC discussed the need for these positions. It was concluded that the Vice Chair would serve as the Parliamentarian and that the duties of the Report Coordinator and Research Coordinator could also be combined. This individual would compile and edit the report as well as monitor the completion of the report. Laura Lemley moved to approve this motion, Kimberly Flint seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Election of new officers: The DAC voted on the officers for 2017-2018. They are as follows:

Chair – Lonette Jenkins-Bell

Vice Chair – Keith Poe

Secretary – Millie Steber

Research and Annual Report Coordinator – Angela Whaley

Communications – Vinny Argentina with assistance from Savitha Venkatesh and Julian Parker

Assignment of members to subcommittees: DAC members volunteered to serve on the subcommittees focusing on specific areas of the consent order. The following is a list of subcommittees and their members:

Student Assignment – Millie Steber, Sam Barnes, and Preeti Francis

Faculty – Sam Barnes, Laura Lemley, Nadine Owens, and Preeti Francis

Equitable Access – Julian Parker, Angela Whaley, Kimberly Flint, and Keith Poe

Facilities – Vinny Argentina and Keith Poe

Extracurricular activities – Julian Parker, Laura Lemley, Sam Barnes, Savitha Venatesh, Keith Poe, and Lonette Jenkins- Bell

Transportation – Vinny Argentina

Discipline – Nadine Owens, Angela Whaley, Millie Steber, Lonette Jenkins-Bell, Kimberly Flint, and all student DAC members

Members sought and received clarification about the duties of subcommittee members. They will need to review that section of the consent order and verify that it is being implemented as described in the consent order. Keith Poe will develop a stop-light chart with comments. Working on the summaries for the sections of the consent order will be the top priority.

Important Dates: Our fall public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm at the Huntsville High School Freshman Academy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Preeti Francis

DAC Secretary