

Desegregation Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 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, October 10, 2017. Chairperson Lonette Jenkins-Bell called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Angela Curry, Laura Lemley, Keith Poe, Nadine Owens, Vinny Argentina, Lonette Jenkins-Bell, Sam Barnes, Kimberly Flint, Preeti Francis, Savitha Venkatesh , and Millie Steber

A quorum of the DAC was established at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was the monthly meeting of the 2017-2018 DAC.

Key distribution took place for DAC comment boxes at each school. Ms. Jenkins-Bell will maintain a current list of DAC members and their assigned school(s) comment boxes. Mr. Poe will contact 2016-2017 DAC members to try to secure remaining keys from previous members. However, a second complete set of keys is maintained.

Ms. Jenkins-Bell has been in conversation with HCS BOE attorneys and DOJ attorneys regarding Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the 2017-2018 DAC including a P.O. box, non-disclosure agreement, publishing of minutes, comment timeline, member replacement, lay terms for consent order, published implementation efforts of DAC and District on website, and required meetings of the 2017-2018 DAC. Mr. Poe will be in contact with Mrs. Finley to reserve a P.O. box for DAC by the November meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding writing the Consent Order in layman's terms. A suggestion was made to consider translating to Spanish when layman's writing is complete.

Members discussed dates for upcoming meetings in October and November 2017 in addition to possible subcommittee meetings prior to the next scheduled monthly meeting of the DAC on November 14, 2017.

A motion was made by Kimberly Flint to approve the September 19, 2017 meeting minutes of the DAC. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved.

As a matter of record, the May 2017 meeting minutes were approved by the 2016-2017 DAC members.

Judge Haikala has been contacted and asked to replace the DAC student member from Jemison.

Members discussed dates and a plan of action for subcommittees moving forward. Ms. Lemley suggested having subcommittee meetings by the end of October if possible.

Planning and discussion for the October 17, 2017 Public DAC Meeting took place. It was noted that the purpose of the meeting is to gather information from the public regarding implementation of the consent order. The DAC Feedback Form will continue to be used to gather written information from those in attendance at the meeting. Meeting minutes will be taken at DAC Public Meetings.

Ms. Jenkins-Bell recommends that DAC members be in close proximity to meeting attendees if possible rather than sitting at stage level.

Possible recording of the public meeting was discussed. Members were reminded that the DOJ will be listening in on the meeting.

Mr. Poe suggested having DAC information scrolling on the HCS ETV station between regular programming.

The DAC Public Meeting presentation was discussed and whether to keep the slide presentation the same to include a brief history of the consent order. Mr. Argentina will confirm that a picture of the DAC drop box is included in the presentation.

Mr. Argentina provided a text for a student member of DAC to read for the robocall reminder about the DAC Public Meeting on 10/17/17. A recording of Ms. Savitha Venkatesh's voice will be used for the reminder call.

Ms. Jenkins-Bell offered copies of the Status Conference held September 6, 2017 to DAC members as needed.

The October 17, 2017 public meeting agenda was agreed upon. Mr. Sam Barnes will open the meeting, welcome attendees, and introduce DAC members. Mr. Argentina will make the slide presentation (adding a slide about 2016-2017 DAC recommendations). Subcommittee chairs will be available for each consent order topic as needed. Comments from the attendees/public will be taken.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Lemley and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Millie Steber
2017-2018 DAC Secretary

After adjournment, each subcommittee chairperson was agreed on as follows:

Student Assignment – Millie Steber
Equitable Access to Course Offerings and Programs – Kimberly Flint

Extracurricular Activities – Laura Lemley

Transportation – Angela Whaley

Faculty – Preeti Francis

Facilities – Vinny Argentina

Student Discipline, Positive School Climate, and Effective Classroom Management –

Nadine Owens