

Desegregation Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Annie C. Merts Center

MINUTES

Call to Order: A non-public meeting of the DAC was held at the Annie C. Merts Center on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Chairperson Lonette Jenkins-Bell called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Preeti Frances, Lonette Jenkins-Bell, Vinny Argentina, Angela Curry, Laura Lemley, Keith Poe, Kristi Santiago, Kimberly Flint, 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. A motion was made by Ms. Lemley to accept the February 2018 meeting minutes with the noted date correction. The motion passed and the minutes approved.

The final public meeting of the DAC is April 9. Food assignments were finalized for the meeting. It is noted that the meeting will highlight open DAC parent and student positions for the coming year.

Ms. Jenkins-Bell will update the BOE presentation to reflect any recent changes regarding DAC responsibilities. Changes were discussed among DAC members including benefits and positives outcomes directly related to implementation of the consent order.

The committee discussed trends related to the comments the DAC has received to this point in the year. Ms. Curry will present the slide(s) to include the top three trends based on comments received by the DAC to date. All DAC members will participate in the presentation at the public meeting.

Due to inclement weather, the cancelled District 1 meeting scheduled for March 19 will not be rescheduled. Comments will be taken at the April 9 District Meeting.

The DAC discussed the year-end report and whether specific comments received from parents and the community will be included in their entirety in the report. A majority of DAC members present like the idea of including a spreadsheet that shows the number of comments related to each area of the consent order. Ms. Jenkins-Bell encourages all members to have individual rough draft portions of the report, including data for each section, by the next meeting date, April 17.

Discussion ensued about including 11th grade students as DAC members. The DAC would like to pursue steps to include high school Juniors. The consensus among DAC members is that applications should be open to both 11th and 12th grade students.

Ms. Santiago began a discussion regarding offering paper/pencil at DAC comment boxes within schools. Ms. Santiago makes a motion to request that the District provide 5x7 comment cards to be placed at DAC comment boxes at each school. The motion passes.

Ms. Flint moves that the DAC request directional meeting signs from the District to be placed at meeting locations so the location of the DAC Public Meeting is more obvious. The motion passes.

Regarding a DAC Facebook page, Ms. Curry will provide setup and maintenance of Facebook page. Ms. Curry motions that a Facebook page be established for the DAC. The motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Millie Steber, 2017-2018 DAC Secretary