

Desegregation Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, December 18, 2018  
Annie C. Merts Center  
**Minutes**

At 6:07 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

The DAC was joined by Superintendent Christine Finley and Dr. Scott from Huntsville City Schools at the beginning of the meeting. DAC members asked questions pertaining the implementation of the consent order.

The first topic addressed involved the green factors. Superintendent Finley and Dr. Scott reported that transportation is close to unitary status. Student discipline is being addressed according to the individuality of each situation while maintaining an overall emphasis on equality. Huntsville City Schools is working to create a support system for all students, and it helps that teachers are becoming less afraid to report infractions in BLOOM.

Next, members discussed strategies to spread awareness of the DAC throughout the community. Superintendent Finley informed members of a potential Huntsville City Schools app to consolidate communications from the school system. She also discussed a data report currently being consolidated that depicts the implementation of the consent order in an approachable, quantifiable way.

The topic of professional development was also addressed by Superintendent Finley and the DAC. It was reported that Huntsville City Schools teachers will undergo culturally responsive training as directed by the local Dr. Houston.

Lastly, Superintendent Finley and Dr. Scott shared exciting updates with the DAC regarding the future of the consent order and all of Huntsville City Schools. For example, elementary schools are being encouraged to use the Accelerated Reader program in order to promote engaged reading time in students rather than the accumulation of points. The topic of power hour at high schools also arose in discussions. To conclude her time with the DAC, Superintendent Finley encouraged all student representatives to brainstorm ideas regarding what the perfect power hour would look like. These ideas will be discussed over the students' video call in January.

After the DAC's meeting with Superintendent Finley, Secretary Lauren Scott read the minutes from the October meeting. A motion was made and passed to approve these minutes.

Next, the DAC discussed future public meetings for the feeder patterns of Huntsville City Schools. These meetings will be held in community spaces from January to April and will likely last from approximately 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Chair Kristi Santiago led the assignment of volunteers to each meeting. Responsibilities of these volunteers include coordinating the locations of their respective meetings and moderating these meetings. The assigned volunteers are as follows.

- Columbia: Kristi Santiago

- Grissom: Lance Cooper
- Huntsville: Nancy Stuart
- Jemison: Michael Simmons
- Lee and New Century: Amy Quinones

Lastly, Chair Kristi Santiago led the assignment of chairs for each subcommittee. The assigned chairs are as follows.

- Student Assignment: Kristi Santiago and Lonette Jenkins-Bell
- Equitable Access: Angela Whaley
- Extracurricular Activities: Lashonda Mitchell
- Faculty: Michael Simmons
- Student Discipline, Positive School Climate, Effective Classroom Management:  
Nancy Stuart

At 8:02 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.