



DAC Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/16/22, 6-7pm

Location: Zoom only

**Attendees:** Online

**DACX:** Angie Lile, Steve Burton, Dion Lewis

**Absent DACX:** Demonte Rochester, Merari Rubio, Tiaira Trotter, Kelley Yeokum

**Presenters:** Jennifer Woolfsie & Tanesha Ford (Board of Education, BOE), Brittney DeWitte (PC For People, Community Impact Director), Darran Washington (KCPS, Student Discipline Officer)

**Staff and visitors:** Courtney Adams (KCPS, Community Outreach), Camila Alvarez (KCPS, Partnerships), Brian Deal (KCPS, Audio-Visual), Kathleen Pointer, Raelyah (KCPS, Student), Raul (Translator)

**Welcome**

- Angie introduced herself and welcomed everybody to the meeting, she then introduced Camilla.
- Camila talking about Raul being the Spanish translator for the meeting
- Prisoners were reminded to speak slowly to allow for adequate time for translators to do their job
- Angie introduced the Board of Education representatives Jennifer and Tanesha to address the DAC

**Presentations**

**Jennifer Woolfsie and Tanesha Ford (Board of Education Directors)**

- Jennifer spoke about the relationship between the Board of Education and District Advisory Committee (DAC)- DAC is to advise the BOE and to represent each school with DAC Delegates identified by each school's parent org
- The school district is currently looking at changing high school and middle school start times for the upcoming school year with the start time being set at 8:20 AM for MS and HS, but elementary schools will stay at their original 9:15 AM start time
- Attendee question- What the rational was for making this time change?
  - Jennifer indicated that studies showed that the older students performance improved with a later start time across the country
- Tanesha requested everyone to be an active participant in the development of the new Blueprint 2030 Strategic Plan
- Attendee question- Are there plans to change the district administrative policies KCA and KDAA, which have not been updated since about 2010? The language in those policies is outdated and refers to the school SACs and the DAC but it's not Include other parent orgs such as PTAs, PTOs, or other forms of parent orgs.
  - Jennifer indicated she was aware of those policies and that the board recognized all those forms of parent organizations. She suggested that DAC bring this up with administration and that the BOE would also look at the issue.
- Attendee question- Has the school district looked at how the change in start times would effect after school activities and particularly athletics?
  - Jennifer noted that has been looked at, but we need to follow up on that process to assure it is being adequately addressed, also how that might affect students that work after school



### **Brittney DeWitte – PCs For People, Community Impact Manager**

- We were originally called Connecting For Good
- We provide multiple services for the community
  - E-waste pick up and removal and recycling
  - Low cost computers for low income families
  - Low cost computer repair fees
  - Low cost Internet and mobile hot spots
- The website is at <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/kansascitymo/>
- PC's for people wants to be an active partner with case KCPS
- Brittney indicated she will run a report to identify how many KCPS families have computers

### **Darran Washington- KCPS Student Discipline Officer (dwashing@kcpublicschools.org, 816-418-7033)**

- He oversees the Student Code of Conduct handbook
- His Code of Conduct (COC) committee last year completed a review of that handbook and it has been updated
- The district has various proactive support mechanisms in place such as:
  - PBIS- Positive Behavior Intervention Support
  - PST- Problem Solving Team
  - ISS- In School Suspension
  - OSS- Out of School Suspension
- Anyone interested in serving on the COC Committee this year should email him

### **Closing comments**

- Jennifer Woolsey noted that they are keeping an eye on the state legislature Funding bill for education and open enrollment bill
- Angie is on the District's Legislative Committee and anyone wanting regular updates should contact KCPS to get the notices via [Legislativealerts@kcps.org](mailto:Legislativealerts@kcps.org)
- KCPS is planning for an upcoming event called "We Love Our Public Schools" to be held at Jeff City
- No news from the Equity Committee
- Steve provided Athletic Director Sanders, the BOE, and DAC officers a link to attend a Professional Coaching Alliance Zoom webinar to learn more about that organization the District may partner with
- Steve noted that he participated as an interviewer for the Football Coach opening at Lincoln HS and was impressed with several of the candidates. He suggested keeping a list of those not selected for possible future openings around the District
- Angie announced that the next DAC meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Dion noted that the DAC hopes to have a representative from the KCPS Athletic Department to speak at that May 5<sup>th</sup> DAC meeting to make a report on this school years athletics and sports programs, as well as provide their departments look forward toward the next school year and their programming improvements

### **Adjourned**

The meeting slideshow and recording are available on the KCPS DAC meeting notes webpage found at: <https://www.kcpublicschools.org/how-to-get-involved/dac/dac-meeting-notes>