



Regular Meeting of the Equity Council Committee

Minutes

October 3, 2023

450 Park Place

Lexington, Kentucky 40511

Meeting Location: John D. Price Administration Building Room 150

6:30 PM

"The Mission of the Equity Council is to monitor and analyze equity issues, advise the Fayette County Board of Education and advocate for achievement for ALL students."

EQUITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Appointed Thru December 2024	Elected Thru December 2023
Dr. Rania Belmadani (Amy Green) Bob McLaughlin (Tom Jones) Monica Mundy (Amanda Ferguson) Raaziq El Amin (Tyler Murphy)- Not present Jeanette Hart (Marilyn Clark)- Not present	Camisha Boyd-Powell (Chair) Ariel Arthur Dr. Deverin Muff Kevin Thomas Bret Nathaniel- Not present Dr. Anthony Everett- Not present

I. Routine Matters:

- a. Roll Call - **Lizzie Coffey**
- b. Reading of Mission Statement - **Bob McLaughlin**
- c. Acknowledgment of **Guiding Principles** - **all acknowledged**
- d. Welcome of guests- **No guests**
- e. Public Participation/Comment(s)
 - **Monica Mundy Reads a statement by Penny Christian regarding comment made by Tom Jones**

II. Action Items

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes for September
 - **Will correct 2nd by Marylin Clark**
 - **Will correct Roll call to add Ariel Arthur**
 - **To be approved at next meeting**

III. Discussion Items

- a. Op- Ed in the Herald Leader
 - **Publishing a edited version of the statement read at the last BOE**

- Bob McLaughlin- has spoken to Tom Jones - he has apologized publicly and personally to Dr. Liggins, would prefer a discussion with him over a public Op- Ed
- Ariel Arthur, Kevin Thomas, and Dr. Deverin Muff, and Camisha Boyd-Powell made statements in favor of the op- ed
- Motion to make an op-ed
 - 2nd: Dr. Deverin Muff
 - Opposed: Bob McLaughlin
 - The i's have it
- Motion Carries
- b. Equity Scorecard**
 - Will schedule a zoom meeting with the subcommittee
- c. Round Table Discussion**
 - With the Equity Council and the BOE about the comments
 - Kevin Thomas - Would like it to be on the record
 - At the ECC Retreat ?
 - Will be discussed further at the November ECC planning meeting
- d. Update on PG Peebles Award**
 - Dr. Matthews: 14 applicants, 10 Community Partners who qualify
 - Will allow FCPS employees this round since it was not explicitly stated otherwise
 - Accepted the oct. 1st deadline

IV. Reports

- a. Superintendent's Report (*Dr. Liggins*)**
 - Dr. Matthews gave the report for Dr. Liggins
 - Principles Appreciation Month
 - MAP has wrapped up and he will share the results
 - ask the community to wrap their arms around our schools with more volunteers
- b. Board Member Report (*Vice-chair Green*) Not Present**
- c. Equity Council Chair (*Mrs. Powell*)**
 - invite board members and members of the community to come to our ECC Meetings
- d. UBSE Officer (Dr. Matthews)**
 - Latin/x staff appreciation
 - 5-7 pm Oct. 12 in Room 159
 - UBSE Team met with the 70 Unity Leads
 - Grant for Mentoring Awarded for \$1.5M

V. Other Communication (10 mins)

- a. Monica Mundy: Invited the ECC to the Ebony Nutcracker on the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 25th)
- b. Death of Diane Feinstein- Laphonza Butler has been chosen for the senate. 2nd Openly Gay black Senator

VI. Adjournment

- a. Bob Moved to adjourn
- b. 2nd Kevin Thomas
- c. Motion Carries
- d. Adjourned at 7:47