Black Historical and Cultural Studies Advisory Committee
Aug. 17 Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 7:06 pm.

The following committee members were present:

- Alysia Bellamy
- Biaze Houston
- Jameka Lewis
- Alexander Pittman
- Nick Psarakis
- Jahi Simbai
- Stephanie Hartman (CDE)
- Shelly Ramos (CDE)

The following committee members were absent:

- Fernando Branch
- Floyd Cobb
- Regina English
- Tony Exum
- Khadija Haynes
- Ashleigh Lawrence-Sanders
- Shirley Martinez
- Jalessa McIntosh
- Jamal Skinner

Co-chair, Alexander Pittman, reviewed the committee's general timeline and the meeting agenda. He led a discussion of the draft of an implementation guide that has been started. Nick Psarakis gave an overview of the draft implementation guide. Mr. Psarakis mentioned that the guide was modeled after The.Holocaust.and.Genocide.Studies.Implementation. Guide. He also encouraged committee members to review and provide feedback on the draft, which the committee will review in more detail later.

Dr. Pittman reviewed the committee's charge and emphasized the directive to work with CDE to provide technical assistance to local districts upon request. A suggestion was made to add mention of the available technical assistance to the proposed implementation guide.

Dr. Pittman asked each group to give a brief summary of the progress they've made since the last committee meeting.

- Jahi Simbai briefly updated the committee on the progress of the K-5 committee. He said the committee has had much discussion of how to appropriately address content for this age group. Dr. Pittman encouraged all groups to put questions and comments for the larger committee in their document.

- Dr. Biaze Houston provided an overview of the work of the Grades 6-8 group. She stated that the committee has more work to do.
- Dr. Pittman gave an update on the work of the high school committee. Mr. Psarakis explained that the group is proposing a new Grade Level Explanation focused on Black history and culture. Dr. Pittman stated that the new inquiry questions are aligned with Dr. LaGarrett King's Black Historical Consciousness Framework.

Committee members worked with their small groups in breakout rooms.

When the whole committee came back together, Dr. Pittman gave an overview of the timeline to complete the recommendations. He reminded committee members to bring back larger issues, questions, or requests for help to the whole committee.

Dr. Pittman and Dr. Hartman led a whole group discussion of the meeting schedule for future meetings. Committee members discussed the possibility of moving the meetings to Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 every other week. Dr. Hartman said that she would put out a poll to all committee members to gauge availability.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.