

Desegregation Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting with Dr. Wardynski
Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Annie C. Merts Center

Call to Order: The bi-annual meeting of the Desegregation Advisory Committee (DAC) with Huntsville City Schools (HCS) Superintendent Dr. Casey Wardynski was held at the Annie C. Merts Center on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Chairperson Chaundra Jones called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Members of the DAC in attendance were Chaundra Jones, Paige Davis, Ashley Lopez, Isha Greene, Talya Hargrove, Ann Kvach, Laura Lemley, Keith Poe, and Melissa Thompson. Also in attendance were HCS Director of Strategy and Innovation Edith Pickens and HCS Superintendent Dr. Wardynski.

The committee began by sharing with Dr. Wardynski the concern over the lack of attendance and participation of three members of the committee and the difficulties this caused at times in securing a quorum. HCS, the Department of Justice, and the DAC will need to address this issue moving forward.

Ms. Thompson introduced the committee's annual report to the Superintendent by explaining that the DAC had received both oral and written feedback throughout the school year. Written feedback was gathered via the feedback forms at the public meetings, emails through the District website, and emails directly to committee members. Additionally, the committee received oral feedback at the public meetings and through conversations with community members. The committee considered all of the feedback – both written and oral – in producing its recommendations; however, to ensure the accuracy of the comments provided, only the written feedback is incorporated in the appendixes of the report. The Stakeholder Feedback comments incorporated in the body of the report were not isolated comments but rather ones that committee members heard on more than one occasion.

Ms. Thompson presented the report highlighting the Stakeholder Feedback and DAC Recommendations. Discussion was held on the feedback and recommendations.

Ms. Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Kvach
DAC Secretary