

Desegregation Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Annie C. Merts Center

Call to Order: A non-public meeting of the DAC was held at the Annie C. Merts Center on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:15p.m. by Chair, Keith Poe.

Members in Attendance: Members of the DAC in attendance were Vinny Argentina, Keith Poe, Kimberly Flint, Isha Greene, Millie Steber, Ashley Sparks, Chaundra Jones, and Preeti Francis.

Due to the lack of a quorum no action was taken during this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for the public meeting on December 13th, 2016. Keith gave a brief overview of previous public meetings of the DAC. The meeting will be streamed live via ETV. The committee members present developed the agenda for the public meeting. Mr. Poe will welcome those in attendance and members will then introduce themselves. A list of the previous DAC's accomplishments will be shared. We will then present and review each amendment to section IX of the Joint Consent Order. This task will be divided among various DAC members. Attendees will then be given the opportunity to ask questions. These questions will be taken in using the areas of oversight as a guide. We will have copies of the amendments to the Joint Consent Order available at the public meeting. Huntsville City Schools will provide audio visual and IT support.

Those present then worked on developing a mission statement. This will be circulated to all DAC members for review before sending it to Judge Haikala for approval.

The process for research requests was discussed. In order to streamline the process, sub-committee chairs will send their requests to either the chair or secretary of the DAC and they will, in turn, request information from the Director of Strategy and Innovation for Huntsville City Schools. We will create a sub-committee for each area of oversight. This was followed by a discussion about lock boxes to receive communications at each school. We will develop a process to collect them at the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Preeti Francis

DAC Secretary

Approved by the DAC on January 25, 2017