



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S OPPORTUNITY AND ACHIEVEMENT GAPS TASK FORCE WORKING SESSION

April 11, 2016

The Boston School Committee's Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force held a working session on April 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, School Committee Chamber, 2300 Washington Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.bostonpublicschools.org/gaps, email feedback@bostonpublicschools.org or call the Boston School Committee Office at (617) 635-9014.

ATTENDANCE

Task Force Members Present: Co-Chair Sam Acevedo; Co-Chair Jeri Robinson; Co-Chair Ayele Shakur; Jennifer Aponte; Dr. Vanessa Calderon-Rosado; Kim Janey; Adrianne Level; Liliana Mickle; Dr. Gil Noam; Carline Pignato; Marinelle Rousmaniere; and Filiberto Santiago-Lizardi.

Task Force Members Absent: Heshan Berents-Weeramuni; Dr. Carroll Blake; Dr. Hardin Coleman; Kenny Feng; Keondre McClay; Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Ron Walker; and Sherman Zemler Wu. Suzanne Lee and Dr. Miren Uriarte, English Language Learners Task Force liaisons to the OAG Task Force, were also not present.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Agenda

Proposed Timeline for Completion of Draft Revised OAGTF Policy

Non-negotiables – updated March 15, 2016 (draft)

Subcommittee Goal Revision /Amendment Form

Policy revision worksheet

Subgroup Notes from March 31, 2016

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A list of combined goals pairing the 2006 Achievement Gap policy goals with Annenberg Report recommendations according to theme

Additional 2015 Annenberg Report Recommendations

The 2006 Achievement Gap Policy

Minutes of the November 17, 2015, November 24, 2015 and December 8, 2015 OAG Task Force meetings (containing notes from earlier subgroup work)

Promising Practices and Unfinished Business: Fostering Equity and Excellence for Black and Latino Males (Executive Summary)

Opportunity and Equality: Enrollment and Outcomes of Black and Latino Males in Boston Public Schools (Executive Summary)

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Robinson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

After reviewing the draft combined policy goals as revised by the three subgroups, the Task Force worked collectively to continue revising and updating the goals.

The group discussed how the goals seem to be falling into four broad categories:

- Student and family engagement
- The preparedness of adults around equity and opportunity
- Access to opportunities
- Overcoming barriers

The co-chairs announced that the Task Force would continue revising and updating the goals at the next meeting on April 12th at 4 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Mudd, advocate, testified that the updated Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Policy must be embedded in BPS culture and said the district needs to communicate its commitment to closing the gaps.

ADJOURN

At approximately 1:30 p.m., the co-chairs adjourned the meeting.

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Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Sullivan".

Elizabeth A. Sullivan
Executive Secretary