



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S OPPORTUNITY AND ACHIVEMENT GAPS TASK FORCE MEETING**

**April 12, 2016**

The Boston School Committee's Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force held a meeting on April 12, 2016 at 4 p.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](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/gaps), email [feedback@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto: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; Dr. Carroll Blake; Dr. Hardin Coleman; Kim Janey; Adrienne Level; Keondre McClay; Liliana Mickle; Dr. Gil Noam; Carline Pignato; Filiberto Santiago-Lizardi; and Sherman Zemler Wu.

Task Force Members Absent: Jennifer Aponte; Heshan Berents-Weeramuni; Dr. Vanessa Calderón-Rosado; Kenny Feng; Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Marinelle Rousmaniere; and Ron Walker. 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

Notes from April 11, 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 co-chairs announced that the Task Force would continue revising and updating the goals at the next meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Mudd, advocate, suggested that the Task Force should draft an introductory statement articulating that closing opportunity and achievement gaps is of paramount importance to the district.

Jose Capo, program coordinator, Teen Empowerment, announced that his organization is hosting a Peace Conference on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre.

## **ADJOURN**

At approximately 7 p.m., the co-chairs adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

**Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force Working Session**

Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building  
School Committee Chamber

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

Elizabeth A. Sullivan  
Executive Secretary