



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

June 14, 2016

The Boston School Committee's Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force held a meeting on June 14, 2016 at 4 p.m. at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, room 6-66/6-67, 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. Carroll Blake; Dr. Vanessa Calderón-Rosado (left prior to vote); Dr. Hardin Coleman; Adrienne Level; Keondre McClay; Dr. Gil Noam (left prior to vote); Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Carline Pignato; Filiberto Santiago-Lizardi; and Sherman Zemler Wu (left prior to vote).

Task Force Members Absent: Heshan Berents-Weeramuni; Kenny Feng (alternate); Kim Janey; Liliana Mickle; Marinelle Rousmaniere; and Ron Walker. Suzanne Lee, English Language Learners Task Force liaison to the OAG Task Force, was also absent.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Agenda

Draft Preamble

Draft 2016 Opportunity & Achievement Gaps Policy for Students of Color and Other Marginalized Groups

Proposed Timeline

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CALL TO ORDER

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

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Dr. Coleman apologized for having missed yesterday's meeting and explained his suggested edits to the draft, saying that the policy is the purview of the Task Force/School Committee (a.k.a. the "what"), while the action plan is the purview of the Superintendent and his team (a.k.a. the "how"). He felt the previous draft was too prescriptive. He added the School Quality Working Group, which he co-chaired, crafted a separate document containing implementation recommendations, in addition to the policy itself.

Ms. Oliver-Dávila stated that the 2016 policy should contain a greater level of detail than the 2006 policy to ensure that it is fully implemented. Mr. Acevedo said that the current draft attempts to address root causes of opportunity and achievement gaps.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEM

Approved – On roll call, the Task Force unanimously approved the 2016 Policy of the Boston Public Schools to Eliminate Opportunity and Achievement Gaps for Students of Color and Other Marginalized Groups.

ADJOURN

At approximately 6 p.m., the co-chairs adjourned the meeting.

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Sullivan
Executive Secretary