

# Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee February 7, 2024

## Committee Members in Attendance

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| K. Amenabar    | C. Farrish  | C. Kim       | R. Shaw  |
| G. Becerra     | C. Fuller   | S. McKinney  | M. Smith |
| E. Bonhomme    | M. Lavalley | T. Narcisse  | L. Tate  |
| R. Brown Small | V. Long     | E. Osborne   | K. White |
| Q. Craig       | W. Kang     | J. Potten    |          |
| M. Dickey      | K. Kardelis | N. Samaniego |          |

## Committee Members Absent

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| Z. Abughazaleh-Limparis | H. M. Capps | L. Mondragón | E. Rodriguez      |
| A. Aldave               | L. Henry    | G. Nagaraja  | A. Sparrow-Kamara |
| J. Bensinger            | L. Henson   | D. Quan      | M. Vereb          |
|                         | A. Janan    | S. Raeisian  | D. Walker         |

## Staff and Guests in Attendance

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| G. Ponce | S. Presidio | M. St. John-Cunning |
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## Minutes

| Topic                | Notes   |
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| Committee Business   | <p>Cheronda Farrish opened the meeting and introduced Caitlin Kim, the newly appointed member representing Ilryong Moon.</p> <p>The minutes from the January meeting were voted on and approved as submitted.</p> <p>Edward Osborne brought up the Advisory Committee Operating Manual which will be voted on by the school board. Important points to consider are, timing of committee reports, Advisory Board committees needing to include follow up on the recommendations from the previous report (instead of the staff response), and meeting procedures. The draft will be sent to committee members. Feedback should be emailed to Kim Amenabar no later than February 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> |
| School Board Liaison | <p>Marcia St. John-Cunning, the new School Board Liaison for MSAOC, introduced herself to the committee. She has a wealth of experience in FCPS and has been assigned to the audit committee, engagement</p>  |

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|                               | committee and the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SYCPT) committees of the School Board.  |
| Chief of Schools Presentation | <p>Dr. Geovanny Ponce began his presentation by sharing about his background as an immigrant and his professional journey as an educator. He then shared information regarding the structure of the Chief of Schools office. The Departments under the Chief of Schools are each of the 6 Regions including the regional leadership as well as the schools, the Department of School Improvement and Supports (DSIS), the office of Student Activities and Athletics, Nontraditional School Programs, and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science &amp; Technology.</p> <p>The Chief of Schools stated his strong desire for all children to have a variety of opportunities to succeed. Currently, different programs and opportunities for students are being reviewed to ensure that students are being served.</p> <p>Some of the challenges Dr. Ponce named are the wide variety of diverse needs, the persistence of some groups of students not receiving the education they deserve, and the n-going staffing concerns.</p> |
| Subcommittee Work             | There was not enough time for subcommittees to meet. Subcommittees will need to meet virtually prior to our next meeting. Details will be sent to members via email.   |
| Announcements                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March presenters will be Marcy Kneale, Assistant Superintendent &amp; Dustin Wright, Executive Director, from the office of Strategy Planning &amp; Learning office.</li> <li>• Dr. Bussey Parent Resource Library renaming on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> (see calendar invitation)</li> <li>• March meeting will be in Gatehouse - room 1600.</li> </ul>  |

Meeting Adjourned Time: 8:30 p.m.