

## **MSAOC Meeting Notes October 9, 2019**

**Members attending:** J. Bensinger, E. Bonhomme, L. Bussey, D. Desaulniers, M. Gibson, W. Grant, J. Howard, K. Ismail, S. Nick, E. Osborne, M. Robinson, J. Rogers, N. Samaniego, S. Taylor, A. Twigg, V. Wang.

### **Guests:**

Mr. Grant opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and reviewed the agenda. All meetings of the Committee shall consist of at least 19 members in order to have a quorum. A quorum was not present to vote or take final action on any Committee business.

Mr. Grant introduced our guests and invited them to introduce themselves.

### **A. Two new student members**

Ms. Kadija Ismail (R.E. Lee HS) and Ms. Sinna Nick (West Potomac HS) introduced themselves. Ms. Kimberly Boateng Student Representative on the School Board also addressed the members and shared her concerns about students' needs.

### **B. Updates and Announcements**

Mr. Grant gave an update on the following significant events involving the Committee him and members.

- Mr. Grant and Dr. Bussey participated in One Fairfax training on October 7, 2019 that involved members from One Fairfax Roundtable and Supervisor Bulova's Community Outreach Group. The training focused on racial equity to develop shared foundational concepts of racial equity; build skills communicating about race and explore approaches to equitable community engagement. Also a video concerning One Fairfax illustrated how the effort to achieve racial equity is hampered by misinformation (PP attached A) Following the training we asked Ms. Karla Bruce, Chief Equity Officer of Fairfax County to meet with MSAOC to share her thoughts on how the Committee could use the training to advance its interest. A date has not been set for this meeting.
- Mr. Grant asked for three volunteers to participate in a focus group concerning Advanced Academic Programs on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Rogers, Dr. Simpkins and Mr. Osborne volunteered to represent the Committee.

### **C. Presentation --Equity and Student Conduct**

Ms. Carey Williams, Coordinator, Equity and Student Conduct introduced herself and presented brief slides on Student Rights and Responsibilities changes (PP attachment B).

#### **D. Questions and Answers on Presentation**

Members were asked to form groups and formulate questions for Ms. Williams. Members asked many questions but no action was taken on the presentation. Members will provide additional questions for follow up with Ms. Williams.

#### **E. Changes to Bylaws**

Members were asked for their opinions and suggestions about external and internal messaging for the Parent Advocacy Handbook. No action was taken on the changes. There were many questions but there will need to be follow up for suggestions.

#### **F. Working Groups**

Members were asked to join one or more of the following working groups:

- Closing the Achievement Gap
- Teacher Hiring and Retention
- Student Discipline
- Advanced Academic programs

No action was taken on formulating the groups.

#### **G. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm**

## Attachment A

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iM4AfGQgTWE>

## Attachment B



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