

**Madison Metropolitan School District
Madison, Wisconsin**

Art Rainwater, Superintendent

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes for EQUITY TASK FORCE
April 17, 2006**

**Doyle Administration Building, Room 103
545 West Dayton Street
Madison, Wisconsin**

The Equity Task Force was called to order by Mary Ramberg at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Cohen, Rafael Gomez (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Julie Haslanger, Zina Knox, Paul Kusuda, Danielle McGonigle, Thomas Mertz, Glenn Parks, Wendy Sauve, Matt Silvern, Beth Swedeen, Jackie Woodruff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ashley Brown, Christa Bruhn, Lisa Cuevas, Toya Robinson

STAFF PRESENT: Jack Jorgensen, Mary Ramberg, Ann Wilson – Recording Secretary

1. *Approval of Minutes*

It was moved by Paul Kusuda and seconded by Matt Silvern to approve the minutes of the meeting dated April 3, 2006. Motion unanimously carried by those present.

2. *Review Agenda*

Mary Ramberg reviewed the items to be addressed at this meeting.

3. *Complete Development of Strategies for Implementation of an Equity Policy*

(Written materials provided: Equity Task Force Meeting Notes dated 4/3/06 Definition and Strategies; Withdrawal/Did Not Graduate Student Profile May 2000; Educational Equity: An MMSD Comprehensive Support System for English Language Learners January 8, 2004 - all attached to the original copy of these minutes.)

Mary Ramberg noted the draft of a definition and strategies developed by the Subcommittee at their meeting on March 9 as revised by the Task Force at their meetings on March 27 and April 3. Work continued on developing strategies from the ideas noted at the last meeting.

Additional strategies were reviewed and discussed and added to the list as there was general agreement to do so, ending with 17 items.

4. *Sequence Strategies for Implementation*

Each Task Force member present gave each of the seventeen agreed upon strategies a point score ranging from 1 point if the strategy should come at the beginning of the list, and 17 points if it should come at the end. Results will be shared with the Task Force in advance of the next meeting and discussed at the next meeting.

5. *Develop Strategies for Accountability*

(Written materials provided: Working document, Strategies for Measuring Success – attached to the original copy of these minutes.)

The draft document was discussed and revised and will be shared with the Task Force in advance of the next meeting. It was agreed that strategies should be listed as broad categories under which many items might be included. The Task Force will continue to address whether the broad categories are those that will capture the information and data that would be used to measure accountability of the equity policy, and whether alignment is reflected among the definition, strategies for implementation and strategies for accountability.

FOLLOW-UP:

- There was discussion about the point at which information would be shared with legal counsel to begin drafting a policy – whether that would occur before or after Board and community input. The chairs will get clarification on this for the next meeting. There was also a question about whether the Task Force would be able to discuss their product and answer any questions that legal counsel may have so that there is a clear understanding.

6. *Develop a List of Principles that Provide the Basis for the Definition and Implementation and Accountability Strategies*

This item was not addressed.

7. *Next Meeting*

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. The agenda will include further work on the strategies for accountability. Notes of the work completed at this meeting will be provided to Task Force members in advance.

FOLLOW-UP:

- Chairs will check on replacement of students who are seniors so the new student representatives can be brought up to date while the seniors are still able to participate.

8. *Adjournment*

It was moved by Matt Silvern and seconded by David Cohen to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by those present.

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