

In attendance: Dawn Anderson Rascher, Letty Beserra, Jim Collins, Sarah Harris, Clyde Mayfield, Ellen Reilly, Deb Stevenson

Welcome New Members:

Sarah Harris was introduced. Sarah is the new Community and Schools Partnership Manager. She is originally from Seattle Washington and received her BA from Central Washington University. Sarah and her family have been in the Quad Cities area for about 5 years now. Before joining DCSD she worked for the Scott County YMCA as the Youth and Families Program Director and Recreation Supervisor with the City of Davenport Parks and Recreation Department. Welcome Sarah!

Thurgood Marshall:

Deb Stevenson spoke about her recent visit to Thurgood Marshall. She spoke about the changes, beginning at the top, and many teachers and supervisors were replaced with more effective, culturally educated teachers and supervisors. The result is excellent relationships and mutual respect from both teachers and students, speaking and treating students like adults and a 100% graduation rate.

Action Plan Overview:

The committee reviewed the Action Plan and discussion followed. Some concerns were how to make the curriculum more tied in and engaging for the students; what is needed from parents, families and the District and how our Action Plan ties into our concerns. Deb suggested making all schools Larry Bell schools, this would be considered dramatic and heroic, which is what the Supt challenged us to do.

Suspensions:

A discussion about the current process for suspensions is under review, and some of the Equity Committee concerns would fall under this. A question about re-implementing SWS as an alternative was suggested.

Follow-Up:

Reminder, Dr. Tate expects an Action Plan to be submitted by this committee by the end of the 2011-2012 school year!

Because of the short timeline and expectations, it has already been agreed additional meetings needs to be scheduled. There is much work to be done, and for the Action Plan to be successful, it must be REALISTIC, SPECIFIC, AND MEASURABLE.

The next meeting is scheduled for 05-17-12 at the ASC building in the Board Room from 5pm-7pm.

05-07-12 Meeting:

At the 05-07-12 meeting we will focus on further review of the Action Plan.