

African American Subcommittee
Meeting Notes

May 13, 2021

Attendees:

Reginald Green
Kelly Bedford
Dr. Gillenwaters
Dr. Woods
Vicky Lewis

PCS Staff:

Claire Lubrin

Notes:

Dr. Woods presenting on an upcoming event on May 15th, 2021.

Reginald Green shared with the attendees that the district steering committee over the funding for closing the achievement gap for black students, monthly meetings were closed to the public. The district steering committee also shared there would be a PCS representative to be a liaison between the two committees. The district steering committee has not shared who that person is and there was not a representative in attendance at our most recent meeting.

Mr. Green is also going to email the board members and superintendent by May 20, 2021 if these meetings are not made open to the public before then. Attendees suggested forming a mini-African American academy. There was also discussion of current history in all our schools for example the 1619 project, and the most recent January 6th attack on our capital and democracy.

Here are the following question and suggestion the committee would like the District steering committee to answer as soon as possible;

1. PD for teachers, we would like to know exactly what those PD will cover. We also request that a few of our subcommittee members be allowed to attend in person or via zoom these PD meetings as guest. We also would like for them to do surveys after the meeting to garner teacher feedback.
2. Provide a complete list of the Community Based Organization with pre and post data that shows their effectiveness.
3. Provide more information about the Restorative Justice training when it comes to dealing with black students.
4. Are there any community members on the steering committee?
5. Please provide the exact number of members and their titles.
6. We would like for your steering committee to create a Schoology group page with monthly updates on you progress towards equal equity and closing the achievement gap for our black students.

Next steps:

We are going to discuss further initiatives to closing the achievement gap for black student success. We will also discuss the possibility of continuing our meeting during the summer if PCS can host our meetings.

These notes are submitted by Reggie Green, Subcommittee Chairperson.