

Equity Policy Audit School Board Committee #2 Meeting

February 2, 2022





Welcome & Check-in



Take a moment to share with each other:

What is pulling your focus out of the meeting?

What is on your mind?

What you are concerned, worried or anxious about?

What you are distracted by?

End your statement with, "...I'm in."





















Our Equity Audit Team

As of December 2020 - December 2021

Paula Johnson, Ph.D. – IDRA EAC-South Director

Terrence Wilson, J.D., MPA – IDRA Regional Policy & Community Engagement Director

Jasmine Bowles, M.S.Ed. – Equity Consultant

Dr. Michelle Rief – ACPS School Board Member

Christopher Suarez – ACPS School Board Member

Dr. Julie Crawford – Chief of Student Services & Equity

Kennetra Wood – Executive Director of Equity & Alternative Programs

Jennifer Abbruzzese – Director of Policy & Board Initiatives

Cheryl Robinson – Cultural Competency Coordinator

Toluwani Roberts – ACPS Equity Resident³



Project Purpose



Review current School Board policies to:

- Ensure each policy aligns, guides, and supports educational equity and the Strategic Plan.
- Identify root causes of disparities.
- Focus on the most marginalized populations to ensure equity for all.
- Uncover and revise policies that thwart the success of historically marginalized groups.
- Dismantle current systems that are barriers to student success.

Phase 1: Timeline



DEC. 2020

Introduction, goal and normsetting, policy background **NOV. 2020** information Discussed IDRA Agreement, how to break up policies, and the deliverables Edited IDRA CEP Worksheet, continued discussion on **JAN. 2021** policy breakup and policies to look at first.

Discussed first tier of policies: looked at language (is it equitable and/or how can we make it more equitable?); policy itself, etc.

MAR-JUN. 2021

FEB. 2021

Completed discussion of Tier I

Policies:

A Policies: Foundations &

Basic Commitments

I Policies: Instruction

J Policies: Students

EQUITY-FOCUSED

Equity Policy Audit: Current Work



Phase II: SY 2021-22

- Committee review and policy revision
- Community engagement with ACPS stakeholders
- Refine and adopt policy revisions
- Review of Tier II policies

Phase III

- Action planning, implementation & capacity building
- Development of 5-year outlook and plan for reevaluation





School Board Committee

The School Board Chair periodically recommends three Board Members for appointment to serve during next rotation.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Performs in-depth policy review through an equity lens and attends monthly meetings
- Recommends revisions and presents to full School Board for review/ approval





Themes and Highlights to Date

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IDRA Regional Policy & Community Engagement Director





Focus Group Feedback





Committee Review Process

- Review policies
- Discuss & consider stakeholder feedback
 - o ACPS/IDRA Audit Team
 - Focus groups
- **Develop revisions**
 - Additional rounds of discussion & feedback
- Refine proposals and advance to full School Board





QUITY-FOCUS

Student Placement Policies

- JC/JCD: Student Placement
- JC-R/JCD-R: Regulations Governing ACPS Student Placement
- JCA: Transfers by Student Victims of Crime
- JCB: Transfers by Students in Persistently Dangerous Schools (recommended for deletion)
- JCJ: Classroom Assignments for Twins
- JEB: Entrance Age/Admission of Persons Not of School Age
- **JEC: School Admission**
- JEC-R: School Admission Regulations
- JECA: Admission of Children Who Are Homeless
- JECB: Admission of Nonpublic School Students
- IHB Class Size (PDF)
- IHB-R Regulations Pertaining to Class Size (PDF)
- JCE Redistricting Implementation (PDF)
- JCE-R Redistricting Implementation Regulations (PDF)



Next Steps

February 9th Committee Meeting

- Continue with current group of student placement policies (if needed)
- Begin committee revision process









Thank you!



SuperintendentDr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr.

School Board Meagan L. Alderton, Chair

Jacinta Greene, Vice Chair

Willie F. Bailey, Sr. Kelly Carmichael Booz Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi Christopher Harris Tammy Ignacio Michelle Rief Ashley Simpson Baird