# Equity Policy Audit School Board Committee Meeting 1340 Braddock Place School Board Meeting Room February 2nd, 2022 6:34 p.m. Minutes

### **Meeting Participants:**

School Board Members: Christopher Harris, Tammy Ignacio Staff members: Kennetra Wood, Cheryl Robinson, Dr. Julie Crawford Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) consultant: Terrence Wilson joined the meeting via Zoom.

Absent: Dr. Michelle Rief

## Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Board Member Ignacio

## Check-In:

Dr. Crawford provided the opportunity for committee members to reflect on their day and re-focus on the policy revisions.

### **Discussion:**

The ACPS/IDRA Audit Team reviewed the background and purpose of the Equity Policy Audit, which is to:

- Ensure each policy aligns, guides and supports educational equity and the Strategic Plan
- Specifically, 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

The audit team then summarized the responsibilities of the School Board Committee as well as the committee review process and its goal to perform an in-depth policy review which is as follows:

- Review the second iteration of the policies, student placement policies
- Discuss & consider stakeholder feedback
  - ACPS/IDRA Audit Team
  - Focus groups
- Develop revisions
  - Additional rounds of discussion & feedback
- Refine proposed revisions and advance to full School Board

Mr. Terrence Wilson, IDRA Consultant, then reviewed the themes and highlights identified in IDRA's Equity Policy Audit Report regarding ACPS' student placement policies as well as reviewed the feedback from parent and student focus groups from December of 2021.

Ms. Cheryl Robinson then reviewed the feedback from family focus groups from December of 2021.

The committee reviewed and provided feedback on the following policies:

- Policy JC/JCD: Student Placement
- Policy JC-R/JCD-R: Regulations Governing ACPS Student Placement
- Policy JCA: Transfers by Students Victims of Crime
- Policy JCB: Transfers by Students in Persistently Dangerous Schools
- Policy JCJ: Classroom Assignment for Twins
- Policy JEB: Entrance Age/Admission of Persons not of School Age
- Policy JEC: School Admission
- Policy JEC-R: School Admission Regulations
- Policy JECA: Admission of Children that are Homeless
- Policy JECB: Admission of Non-Public School Students
- Policy IBH: Class Size
- Policy IBH-R: Regulations Pertaining to Class Size
- Policy JCE: Redistricting Implementation
- Policy JCE-R: Redistricting Implementation Regulations

The committee provided feedback on the revision process.

#### **Next Steps:**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022 in the School Board Meeting Room. The committee will begin the proposed revisions for the student placement policies.

### **Minute Approval**

Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted by unanimous vote.

#### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.