
OSBA Black Caucus Meeting Minutes

Location: **Ohio School Boards Association**, 8050 North High St., Columbus, OH 43235, (614) 540-4000, ext. 274, www.ohioschoolboards.org
Date: 03/16/2019
Attendance: Brigitte Green-Churchwell, "AL" Long, Warren Weber, Denise Moore, Cheryl Marcus, Eric Resnick, Katrina Rugless, and Sally Green – OSBA Liaison, Dr. Kathy McFarland,

MINUTE DETAILS:

Meeting called to order by Brigitte Green-Churchwell, President at 12:22pm.

Attendance was conducted with everyone in attendance stating their name and school district. Brigitte provided a welcome.

Financial Report (copies provided to everyone) Brigitte stated no changes from last meeting.

Reading and Approval of February Minutes – Al Long, Secretary – "AL" read previous minutes, Al Long moved to adopt, Warren Weber second, vote – passed with one abstention: minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leo Lucas Scholarship Winners-Brigitte announced each regional winner and alternate. Brigitte provided a review of the two-day process. Discussion led to suggested changes for the scholarship charter. Denise Moore asked for the raw numbers by district and region. Cheryl Marcus asked to see her Districts applications to understand where the students need to improve, or any insight on their district from the student perspective. After much discussion, Dr. McFarland said we would have to discuss with OSBA legal to ensure appropriate as scholarships are not advertised to contribute any information back to the district.

Report Out on OSBA BC Workshop – "Intentional Practices in Public Education" 02/23/2019 – Brigitte did a review and mentioned only 3 of 13 surveys were submitted. The feedback was all positive. It was noted on 2/3 of comments that Dr. Cade should be used more for presentations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Working with like Associations - Brigitte opened the discussion underscoring the relevance in working with organizations who have a common voice of concern on the issues negatively impacting public education for minority students. Eric provided legislative review/current standing of ADC & HB 127 & SB 110. ADC discussion continued with feedback from Eric, Katrina and Sally. The following organization members have been invited to our May meeting.
Ohio NAACP Education Committee – WilliAnn Moore, President
Ohio Association of Black School Educators – Debra Porter-Sawyer, President

Opportunities to present (i.e. community events, college forums, etc.)

Brigitte posed the question about boards hosting community forums on increasing minority board service. Al asked for clarification on what the term "host" means. Brigitte provided the clarification of boards extending the invitation to the BC to come to their community to discuss getting more minorities at the table of education. Further, she identified that hosting means establishing the date, place, time, and any amenities needed and the OSBA BC would show up to conduct the forum.

Capital Conference 2019 proposed events – Brigitte opened and did a review of the proposal, providing that a conference is scheduled with our liaisons to gain clarity in the planning process.

- Panel – submitted proposal
Title: Equity and Justice in Education for All
Learning Track: Critical and current issues

Panel Description: Recognizing that schools need to be inclusive learning environments wherein students see and experience equality and social justice in their daily lives; this panel seeks to explore expanded opportunities for real participation in the discussions and decisions which govern equity and justice in public education.

Potential Panelists:

Emilia Strong Sykes - Minority Leader, Ohio House of Representatives

Henry Pettiegrew - new CEO at E. Cleveland

Marva Jones, Senior Executive Director of the Center for Continuous Improvement

Dr. Victor Goode, National NAACP Education Committee

- Scholarship Luncheon – Dr. McFarland shared the speaker of the scholarship luncheon
- Social Dinner – tabled until Executive Board meets with OSBA staff to discuss the parameters.
- Annual Meeting

Charter Review – Brigitte Green-Churchwell lead following discussions:

Leo Lucas Scholarship Charter: More discussion on changes to the scholarship application and tally sheet. Specifically- clarify what is required and include a statement of what may disqualify the application if information is not included. Also, make the instructions simpler (make it plain), and create a rubric for the tally sheet that aligns with the new application structure.

Black Caucus charter – An extensive discussion was had pertaining to what the structure of the organization should be. Of note, Sally Green identified that most OSBA members do not know that they are welcome to take part in this committee. All members in attendance were able to provide some feedback on the old and proposed charter, no decisions were made.

Adjourned at 3:05 pm

Next meeting May 18, 2019 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

July 20, 2019 /September 21, 2019 / November – Capital Conference

Submitted,

“Al” Long, Secretary

Brigitte Green-Churchwell, President