

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Committee of the Whole on Equity

Item C-1-c

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 6:09 PM at 2110 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member (participated virtually)
Tannia Talento, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member (participated virtually)

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff
Arron Gregory, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer
Isabel Messmore, Family and Community Engagement Specialist
Sylvia O’Neal, Equity Specialist
Jennifer Gross, Equity Specialist

Ms. O’Grady called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM and announced that Mr. Goldstein was out of town due to a personal matter so was participating virtually, and Ms. Van Doren was participating virtually from her home in Arlington, Virginia, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Gregory provided an overview of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and shared updates on initiatives and efforts underway. He reviewed the focus, roles, and support the Office is providing to staff throughout the school division. The newly adopted Equity Policy was also reviewed, as well as educational equity practices in the schools. Mr. Gregory then outlined the equity action plan strategy. Additional topics discussed included the work of equity teams and the No Place for Hate framework that is being implemented in the schools. The group then discussed the implementation timeline for the Action plan and next steps in moving this work forward.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
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