

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

Board Diversity Committee

Regular Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2016

**A. PRELIMINARIES**

**1. Call to Order**

Georgia Sandgren called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Curriculum Library of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue.

**2. Roll Call / Introductions**

Members present:

Jo Ann Borges  
Jazzanne Gordon-Fretwell  
Brianna Gray  
Georgia Sandgren  
Jerry Stebbins  
Alex Amegashie

Administrative support present:

Britainy Paris

Members Not in Attendance:

Dorothy Jones  
Denzel Harris  
Sean Rice  
Michael Campbell  
Michelle Goodwin  
Larnetia Skippis

Guest:

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Brianna Gray made a motion to approve the agenda. Jerry Stebbins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

Members reviewed the April 14, 2016 meeting minutes and Jazzanne Gordon-Fretwell made a motion to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes. Brianna Gray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

June Rogers (Fairbanks Diversity Council): Ms. Rogers spoke on behalf of the Fairbanks Diversity Council. She invited the members of the BDC (as well as anyone else) to attend a meeting, as their goals are similar to the BDC's goals and she feels that the two groups could work together to accomplish much within the community. Meetings for the Fairbanks Diversity Council are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 5:30.

**C. REPORTS**

1. Board Diversity Committee Annual Report
2. School Board Policy 921.3
3. Administrative Regulation 921.3

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2015-16 Annual Report Review:** Members of the BDC reviewed the 2015-16 Annual Report with no recommended revisions.
2. **BDC Representative for reading of the 2015-16 Annual Report:** Ms. Jazzanne Gordon-Fretwell volunteered to read the report at the next School Board Meeting to take place on June 7, 2016. Brianna Gray volunteered as a backup.
3. **Parental Permission for Outside Viewing Material (Mediated by Jo Ann Borges):** Ms. Borges presented an issue she encountered dealing with the lack of oversight in classrooms of what teachers are allowing students to view in the classroom. She believes that policies should be updated to ensure parents are aware of any materials outside of the curriculum being presented to students. She also suggested that permission slips be sent home for each video teachers plan to show in the classroom, and that teachers provide an alternate activity for students who will not be permitted to view the selected material.

The BDC members agreed that the policy should be updated and provided a list of recommendations:

1. Revise current permission slips to include additional information for parents (see attached examples).
2. Provide quarterly/annual training for awareness of school policies to staff.
3. Videos should be vetted through the principal before permission slips are sent home.
4. Videos with a rating of NC-17 should not be an option at all, and should not be listed in the policy.
5. The media policy should be reviewed with the principals – who should then review it with their respective staff members.

## **F. INFORMATION**

1. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2016 from 5:30 – 7:00 in the Board Room.

## **G. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1. The BDC would like to discuss collaboration with the Fairbanks Diversity Committee in further detail at the September 2016 meeting.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Georgia Sandgren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Stebbins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

**WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PARENT PERMISSION SLIP  
Video**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I will be showing the movie, Akeelah the Bee (PG), Wednesday, January 4, 2012 through Friday, January 6, 2012. Board of Education Policy 362.1 ( [http://www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/newsfile17803\\_1.pdf](http://www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/newsfile17803_1.pdf) ) requires parental permission for your child to view a PG movie. I have obtained permission from Marcy Peters-Felice, the middle school principal, to show these movies. (All Board of Education policies are available for viewing online at <http://www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/Policies.cfm> )

I included details about the movie below.

If you do not permit your child to view the movie s/he will be doing an alternative assignment in the LMTC during the showing.

If you grant permission for your child to view the movie, please sign the form on the attached sheet and return it to me by the stated date. I will retain your permission form in my records.

You can have your child return it to me, fax it at 849-2088, or e-mail it to me at my e-mail (see below).

Thank you!

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**WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PARENT PERMISSION SLIP  
Video**

I \_\_\_\_\_ grant my child  
(Print parent name clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_ permission to view  
(Print child's name clearly)

the PG movie: Akeelah and the Bee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Teacher name and e-mail:**

Leah Hundt leahhundt@waunakee.k12.wi.us

**Return completed/signed form to homeroom teacher by January 2, 2012**

**Movie title, rating, and Class/Unit of study:**

**Akeelah and the Bee      PG      Communication Arts**

Akeelah Anderson can spell. She can spell better than anyone in her school in South Central Los Angeles, and she might have a chance at the nationals. Who can say? She sees the National Spelling Bee on ESPN and is intrigued. But she is also wary, because in her school there is danger in being labeled a "brainiac," and it's wiser to keep your smarts to yourself. This is a tragedy in some predominantly black schools: Excellence is punished by the other students, possibly as an expression of their own low self-esteem.



# BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Parental Permission for Student Viewing of Video

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Course/ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Viewing: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone) (Email)

Dear Parent,

A video requiring parental consent will be viewed as part of your child's instructional program. Please review the information below and let us know if we have your consent by signing at the bottom.

Name of Video: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Picture Association of America Rating:

       **PG - Parental Guidance Suggested. Some Material May Not Be Suitable For Children.** A PG-rated motion picture should be investigated by parents before they let their younger children attend. The PG rating indicates, in the view of the Rating Board, that parents may consider some material unsuitable for their children, and parents should make that decision.

       **PG-13 - Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate For Children Under 13.** A PG-13 rating is a sterner warning by the Rating Board to parents to determine whether their children under age 13 should view the motion picture, as some material might not be suited for them.

Description of contents which a parent may find unsuitable: \_\_\_\_\_

Please review the above video information. I have reviewed the video and believe the following educational purpose supports your child's learning: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature Date

I concur with the Teacher. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself. Please return this form to us as soon as possible. All students that do not have permission to view the video will be assigned the following alternative assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Signature Date

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to view the Video.  
(Printed name of student)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact number

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