

JCPS MAGNET STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2015

Committee members present at the meeting – William Allen, David Baugh, Tammy Berlin, Karen Branham, Chris Burba, Barbara Dempsey, Charles Dixon, Tim Foster, Bryce Hibbard, Michael Hirn, Zina Knight, John Marshall, Kathy McGinnis, Michelle Pennix, Wendy Robertson, Chlise Robinson, Cassandra Shepherd, Shantai Tudor, Felicia Young

Not present – Giselle Danger-Mercaderes, Clementine Morris, Shantel Reed, Edward Stotts

JCPS officials/facilitators present at the meeting: Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent; Dr. Leslie Taylor, program evaluation specialist; Zina Knight, magnet coordinator, Michael Alexander, assistant director/student services.

- The meeting began at approximately 3:10 p.m. when the majority of members were present.
- Superintendent Hargens welcomed the committee to the meeting and thanked them for their commitment.
- The group participated in an activity to introduce themselves to each other.
- Group norms were developed by committee members as a beginning document.
- Dr. Leslie Taylor briefly reviewed background information on the Magnet Schools of America review and the scope of the work of the committee.
- The group engaged in an activity where they briefly shared their ideas of what the purpose of magnet schools should be. These ideas were shared and compared to definitions of magnets and magnet schools. Commonalities were highlighted.
- Dr. Taylor and Mrs. Z. Knight shared how the MSA recommendations were previously prioritized and grouped.
- During the discussion and review, a brief history of magnet schools in JCPS beginning back in the 1970s was discussed. It was agreed upon that more information about the history of magnet schools in JCPS would be shared with the group.
- At the end of the meeting, committee members were given a tentative schedule of future meeting dates based upon available meeting space previously reserved. Members were asked to share meeting time availability in hopes of creating a schedule that would work best for most members.
- Facilitators agreed to forward links to additional documents requested by several committee members, such as the JCPS Choices books, 5-STAR Career Theme book, and the citation for an historical book on Louisville school desegregation and diversity (K'Meyer, T., 2013. *From Brown to Meredith: The Long Struggle for School Desegregation in Louisville, Kentucky, 1954-2007*. University of North Carolina Press. **ISBN-13:** 978-1469607085).
- The meeting ended at approximately 5:00 p.m.