

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, November 18, 2008
Global Ministries Church
670 Washington Street
Dorchester, MA

Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Helen Cohen, School Committee Members Rod Cole, Margaret Coppe and Ravi Sakhuja. The minutes were taken by Leora Tec.

The meeting was convened at 7:23 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Welcome (Helen Cohen)

II. Superintendent's Announcements

Thank you for coming out to this meeting. METCO is a very important program. You can meet your principals tonight.

III. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns

Margaret Coppe: I am pleased to have the opportunity to be here tonight.

IV. Discussion Items

1. Update from Achievement Gap Task Force. Dr. Ash introduced the presenters after briefly describing Vito La Mura's report on the achievement gap. The update was presented by Vito La Mura, author of the original achievement gap report, Dr. Steven Flynn, principal of the Clarke Middle School and Dr. Lynne Sarasin, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development. Dr. Sarasin gave a detailed account of the recent trip to Montgomery County, MD to learn about how they narrowed the achievement gap. Debora Hoard spoke about the parent survey for the achievement gap task force and thanked the parents for their participation.

V. Motion to Adjourn (Cole, Coppe). **The motion passed 5-0.**

VI. Break-Out Sessions with Individual School Staff and Vito LaMura, Cheryl Prescott-Walden, Lexington METCO Director, and Dr. Lynne Sarasin.