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Sent: 1/29/2021 9:29:37 PM
To: Shaunda Sandford <shaunda.sandford@acsgmail.net>
Cc:
Subject: Re: Regarding APS Programming and Facilities

Thank you Shaunda. I appreciate this and you.

Sage

On Fri, Jan 29, 2021 at 12:44 PM 'Shaunda Sandford' via councilgroup <AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:
Good afternoon,

Attached you will find the responses to Ms. Roney's questions submitted in her previous email.

In preparation for our joint meeting, I think it's important that all parties are clear. The focus of this meeting is to discuss how all 3 governing bodies are acknowledging and taking action to solve the systemic and structural racism in the Asheville community. Our collaborative effort should be to produce equitable outcomes in housing, education, health, social environments, employment, wages etc. The objective is to stop talking and put equity into action. I believe we at ACS have chosen a leader who is doing just that. To highlight a few of the action steps ACS has done to directly impact the opportunity gaps, in less than 6 months, ACS has led multiple equity initiatives including free internet services to Asheville Housing communities, which as I understand has been in conversation for over 10 years, intentionally audited and addressed inequitable salaries for staff of color, as well as allowing staff to voluntarily support over 250 primarily black students in Positive Opportunities Develop Success (P.O.D.S).

We look forward to this joint meeting in the near future. Dillon Huffman, our communications specialist will be in contact with your prospective offices to get this meeting scheduled.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

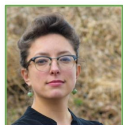
Shaunda Sandford

On Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 6:44 PM Kim Roney <kimroney@avlcouncil.com> wrote:
Chairman Newman and County Commissioners, I have copied Asheville City Council and Asheville Board of Education Chair Sandford here.

Anticipating the upcoming report on Asheville Primary School, I have compiled a list of questions to better inform myself then help to inform our community. I have submitted to our Asheville Board of Education as well as my fellow Council Members, and have attached for your consideration here.

I think a joint meeting of our 3 groups will be important as we review our roles with Asheville City Schools, invite community partners to join in solutions for equitable outcomes, and serve our neighbors well.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kim
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"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."

