

African American Student Achievement and Success in Springfield

MINUTES

September 29, 2005

The meeting of the African American Student Achievement and Success study group began at 10:00 a.m. with welcome and introductions facilitated by Sheila Stocks-Smith. Ms. Stocks-Smith provided a briefing on the group's past activities and commented on the goals and objectives of the group. The meeting was held at the Springfield Urban League in its conference room.

Tom Kerins summarized an article written by Christopher Swanton "*Who Graduates, Who Doesn't*". He shared information on the drop out rates in local area high schools, discussion ensued during which members expressed specific concerns and asked questions in a range of areas on this issue.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2005, 10:30 a.m., at the Springfield Urban League Community Health Training Center Downtown Site.

Nikki Baker, Springfield Urban League, offered to have support materials, including agendas, schedules and meeting minutes accessible via the League's website.

Sheila Stocks Smith thanked participants for attending the study group session and adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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