



MASON

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Diversity Committee
Wednesday, July 8, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Present: Mike Prelesnik, Ron Drzewicki, Ted Berryhill, Rick Brooks, Kevin Jones, Liz Evans, Janet Alleman, Lynn Goedert, AmySue Hopkins, Kristin Rouse, Jennifer Sauser, Mary Hilker, Courtney Vincent, Barb Hagan, Abby Strachan, Kathy Hicks

Not available: Angie Vandecar, Albiona Beka, Kimberly Clark, Lance Delbridge, Rachel Foster, Laura Lange, Mark Sundermann, Anne Gill, Jennifer Schlosser, Marlon Brown, Alexander Charlot, Jennifer Harrington, Desiree Waters, Kim Dickinson, Summer Issawi

Public Comment

No public comment

Consultant Search Committee Update

Mike reported that the four interviews went well last night. Mr. Drzewicki will finalize selection of consultant and contract.

Subcommittee Reports

Community Tool Kit - Chairperson: Ted Berryhill

Ted reported that the subcommittee is set to meet next week. They are collecting resources, books, films, etc. The full committee is welcome to provide suggestions related to content.

Resources for Teachers - Chairperson: Jennifer Sauser

Jennifer provided an update. A professional study group have been developed – DIG – with over 60 members engaged. The committee will meet again next week.

District Procedures - Chairperson: Lynn Goedert

Lynn updated the committee on yesterday's meeting. The district's online pages were reviewed for non-inclusive language. District correspondence will be reviewed by Rick Brooks. The committee also discussed the recognition of holidays and the need for guidance from the consultant.

Resources for Students - Chairperson: Kristin Rouse

Kristin reported on the work of the committee. An online reporting tool, like STOP IT, was discussed for students to make anonymous reports of bullying.

The committee discussed a book study initiative for students and an expansion of the Restorative Justice program.

Curriculum Awareness/Resources Inventory - Chairperson: AmySue Hopkins
AmySue shared that the subcommittee is continuing to gather materials and resources. A review of the content that is taught at each grade level is underway. Guidelines for vetting curriculum resources were discussed.

Jan Alleman recommended that the consultant schedule time with each of the subcommittee as their work is moving ahead with regularity.

Critical Cultural Competency Training for Leadership Team - Dr. Dominick Quinney

Ron shared that this work was scheduled in the spring and now rescheduled for August 19, 2020.

B.L.M. Solidarity - Mason

The next event is planned for Saturday, July 11, 2020, at the Courthouse beginning at noon.

Next Steps

Jen shared an email regarding a request for communication to all students in support of Black Lives Matter.

Future meeting dates

- Wednesday, August 12th – 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 9th – 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.