

Suffield Public Schools
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm
via Zoom

Attendees: Superintendent Tim Van Tassel, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi; SPS Faculty and Staff: Brendan Canny, Jack Ferraro, Sharon Goulet, Bari DeMichele, Brett Kaselouskas, Esther Boakye-Datney, Justin Kaput, Kelly Colangelo, Lauren Stiles, Rachael Witt, and Stephannie Holland; BOE member Jamie Drzyzga; Town Youth Services Director Kathleen Powers; and community members Amy Hawkins, Ben Rodriguez, Elizabeth Warren, Lynn Petrillo, Michelle Wilson

I. Experiences of the Granby Public Schools:

Mr. Chris Tranberg, former Granby Public Schools Assistant Superintendent, shared his experiences with developing Granby's DEI council, which was initially formed to address the achievement gap, identify disparities and share stories. However, the council evolved into developing norms, an equity statement, and a conceptual framework for the council. Information was gathered from both students and staff.

II. District Advancement Plan Goals

This item was tabled.

III. Social Justice Quilt Share

Members shared their social justice quilts and each member shared one word that described this meeting.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.