



SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DEI Professional Development Subcommittee

DEI Mission Statement

The mission of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council is to empower our Suffield Public Schools, extended Suffield Public School community, to respectfully and progressively explore, express and celebrate cultural perspectives, individual identities and to challenge and repair biased systems of thinking.

DEI Professional Development Subcommittee

- The purpose of the committee is to explore potential DEI speakers, programs, resources for faculty, families, students (teachers, administrators, parents, students).

DEI Professional Development Subcommittee Members

- Esther Dattey
- Liz Warren
- Brett Kaselouskas
- Karen Pakula
- Rachael Witt
- Ari Metcalf
- Garrett Pinder

January 28, 2021

DEI Professional Development Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

- Check In
- Mini PD
- Review & Finalize Student and Teacher Survey
 - Administrating the surveys
 - Volunteer to share Goal of PD Team and Survey in each school
 - Brett (AWS and MIS); Rachel(SMS); Esther (SHS)
 - Surveys should be done by Feb 12
 - Collecting and Analyzing data (Before Next Meeting Feb 19th @ 4)
 - Confirm with District & Admin Mar 19 PD hours are dedicated to DEI
 - Planning for Mar 19 Differentiated DEI PDs
- Update on Community Events
 - Garrett shared the town's new website for Inclusion and the final details of the Speaker Series
 - He will share final posters, flyers etc., with mini description so we can share with our schools
- Other matters
 - Michelle Zawawi suggested we create a page on the school website to share Resources with Staff, Faculty and Parents. All resources should be sent to Liz or Esther or Melissa Bielonko for posting.

Quote of the week: It's possible to have Racism without a Racist, because there are systems set to enforce racism.