



SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DEI Communications 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 Communications Subcommittee

- The purpose of the DEI Communications Subcommittee is to introduce and share progress of DEI Council via community forum(s), DEI narrative for district website and write Observer article(s).

DEI Communications Subcommittee Members

- Brendan Canny
- Bari DeMichele
- Amy Hawkins
- Lynn Petrillo
- Jamie Drzyzga
- Michelle Wilson

February 18, 2021

DEI Communications Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Present: Lynn Petrillo, Jamie Drzyzga, Michelle Wilson, Bari DeMichele, Amy Hawkins, Michelle Zawawi

Subcommittee Goals:

1. Introduce and share the progress of the DEI council to the community.
2. Update community on upcoming activities and events of the DEI council.
3. Gather and share stakeholder perspectives and feedback.

Discussion:

- Group talked about format of the first focus group to be held with SPS staff on 2/25/21
- Being focus group by providing a working definition: equity, inclusion, and diversity (Amy)
- Group developed guiding questions for the first focus group

Next steps for subcommittee meeting: on 3/11/21 @ 4:30

- Review teacher focus group
- Review updates from each subcommittee to write update for BOE newsletter
- Website update: Look at examples from other districts (Lynn will send a document with links to the sub committee)
- Confirm parent list for focus group