



# 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

*March 11, 2021*

## *DEI Communications Subcommittee Meeting Minutes*

**Present:** Lynn Petrillo, Jamie Drzyzga, Michelle Wilson, Brendan Canny, Bari DeMichele, Amy Hawkins, Michelle Zawawi, Tim Van Tassel

### ***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.*

### **Agenda:**

- Discuss drafting DEI Council summary
- Confirm parent list for focus group (scheduled for 3/25/21 @6:00)

### **Discussion:**

- Discussed parent focus group. Questions were revised to reflect this group. Date changed to 3/24/21 due to conflict on 3/25/21. Email will be sent to parents. Option to respond to questions via email will be offered if parents cannot attend.
- Definitions and norms will be reviewed at beginning of parent focus group:  
<https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary>
- DEI council summary- Lynn and Amy will draft a summary of the DEI council and subcommittees to be shared in a district wide update. This may be shared in a BOE Newsletter in June and can also be used for grant applications.
- Lynn compiled a list of districts with DEI website examples. This will be shared with the group prior to our next subcommittee meeting to discuss our district website.

**Next steps for subcommittee meeting: on 4/22/21 @ 4:30**

