



SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council Meeting

Held Remotely via Zoom

May 25, 2021

6:30-7:30 PM

Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Celebrations
 - a. Committee shared highlights of the year and personal accomplishments.
3. Subcommittees Update
 - a. Professional Development - Midyear Summit and February Professional Development workshops review, professional articles and book groups established.
 - b. Curriculum - continue to review classroom libraries, mentor texts, supplementing units of study with diverse books.
 - c. Communications - focus groups this year were helpful to identify goals for next year.
 - d. Grants - several grants were identified and the Committee chose William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund as a possible funding source.
4. Next Steps
 - a. Grant Proposal - Jeanine Rose submitted a grant proposal to include professional development for administrators, DEI leadership, faculty and staff for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - b. 2021-2022 Committee Goals - Committee discussed appropriating dedicated time for teachers to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion topics and dedicating time for professional development. New meeting structure: Full DEI committee will meet twice a year, fall and spring. The meetings will be conducted in a workshop model which will allow all members to engage in professional learning, community, town, and district updates and celebrations. A school-based DEI committee will be formed and will include all faculty and school members. The school-base DEI committee will meet during the school day.
 - c. Town Update- Inclusivity Speakers, book clubs and adult education seminars are some of the highlights and events for next year. Tamer's Witness Stone Project, which was taught on-line by Bill Sullivan and included many Suffield historians who contributed to the research process, was highlighted during the update.