

Social / Racial Justice Committee Meeting

June 28, 2021

Meeting began at 5:30 pm

Attending: Jan Sander, Denise Webster, Ashlee Rubenstein (via Google Meets)

There was discussion about adopting the REAL Schools mission statement, but decided to table until a future meeting when more members are in attendance and the new DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Coordinator has been hired to get their feedback. D Webster announced that she has been invited to join the hiring committee for that person, so will be participating in the interviews.

We also decided to table any discussion about goals until board retreat on August 16th. Quickly reviewed the District Equity Policy, but tabled any discussion until next meeting at retreat.

A Rubenstein updated us on what is happening with the Social/Racial Justice group at the high school. She stated the group has severely dwindled down due to many of the members graduating, as well as one teacher coordinator leaving, and there is burn-out among the others. She thinks there may be a new group starting under B Pirie with help from the new DEI coordinator. She questioned if there were any BIPOC members of the school board, which J Sander stated there were not. There was some discussion about how to approach the new PE instructor, who is BIPOC, to see how he might be willing to participate. A Rubenstein stated she would be willing and available to update the new DEI coordinator on the groups' past activities even if she decides to step down from the group.

Meeting adjourned @ 5:55.