

Social/Racial Justice Meeting Minutes February 13, 2023

Attending: Denise Webster, Jeff Hunsberger, Jan Sanders, Erik Remmers, Betzi Goodman, Bethann Pirie, Jennifer Hulse, Jan Epstein, Maria Davies

Called to order: 5:05pm

Minutes of January 9, 2023 reviewed. No changes made.

Maria's updates:

DEI/RP/MTSS website – Some portion of the website is published, not all. Rene will work on this some more in the next couple of months.

Title IV Funding-

We received some more funding from T4.

- ✓ Art Affinity Group- Part 2 starts today at LUMS (in collaboration with River Arts Center, Morrisville).
- ✓ Community Mural at Johnson Elementary School – Hoping to leverage some more funding from other donors. We are working on another grant with the Vermont's Arts Council- VT Animated Infrastructure Grant. We received 5K from the Bari and Peter Dreissigacker Philanthropy. Mural slated from May 15 – June 2nd.
- ✓ Kelis Kreations will be in residency doing pointillism with Johnson Elementary School Youth and Eden Central School Youth.
- ✓ In MY Voice Part 2 will commence again at LUMS with a new set of youth.

This pilot of "In My Voice" is a collaboration with Spruce Peak Performing Arts and a Director who is a Person of Color and students and teachers from NVU. Youth will be pre-selected by their teachers in one Pod from LUMS. These youth share their stories and the NVU staff writers along with NVU Theatre Students (some former LUMS and LUHS Students) write the script they hear and the NVU students will perform their stories on stage at LUMHS Auditorium.

- ✓ Eden Central School had their Afterschool Therapeutic Theatre- It went well. We will focus on having a similar program at Waterville Elementary School- calling it a Curious Place.

Funding is from the Vermont Arts Council. In this theater, youth can listen to the lived experiences of other youth and designated youth will be able to act out the experiences heard from the youth conveying the information.

- ✓ We have SPPAC doing a number of shows for various schools across the District
 - Chamber Music Society
 - Cross That River-
 - Berkelee Indian Ensemble
- ✓ We have two field trip opportunities to Clemmons Family Farms for two schools in the District. Was hoping for Eden and Johnson to go.
- ✓ Project Becoming – Working with Nichole Lefaivre of LUHS with a group of ~12 youth. Project empowers women's voices through journaling, meditation, dance and other expressive modalities.

DEIA Leadership/Advisory Team-

We managed to get stipends for this work and we will be meeting for the first time this Thursday, February 16, 2023. Agenda (handed out).

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Hyde Park- Kate Underwood and Camron Colston (later in the academic year but will provide data for HPES)

Eden Central- Kayla Knight and Kristie Bandolon

Cambridge- Katie Mahoney and Santha Dahlin

Waterville- Jan Epstein

GMTCC- James Chartrand & Erik Remmers

LUMS- Diane Lepikko

LUHS- Bethann, Andrew B, Sally Hile

Johnson- Samantha Ballard and Nicholas Lodge

Meeting #	Date	Time	Time Allocated Grant Funded	Time Allocated School Funded	Presenter
1	Thursday, February 16 th 2023	3:30 PM-5:30PM		2.5	Maria Davies and Mark Scott
2	Wednesday March 15 th 2023	3:30 PM-5:30PM	~2	~25-30 min of time outside of contracted hours	Percy Brown from First Education Center for Civil Rights
3	Thursday April 6 th 2023	3:30 PM-5:30PM	~2	~25-30 min of time outside of contracted hours	Percy Brown from First Education Center for Civil Rights
4	Thursday, May 11 th 2023	3:30 PM-5:30PM	~2	~25-30 min of time outside of contracted hours	TBD
5	Thursday, June 1 st 2023	3:30 PM-5:30PM	~2	~25-30 min of time outside of contracted hours	Maria Davies and Mark Scott

No other updates and business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.