

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Diversity Committee

Thursday, November 29, 2018
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

520 Fifth Avenue
School District Administrative Center
Board Room

AGENDA

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call / Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of September 27, 2018 Minutes

B. REPORTS

1. Rodney Gaskins--NCBI
2. Faces of Fairbanks

C. OLD BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolutions to Renew
 - i. Recognizing International Women's Day
 - ii. Honoring Black History Month
2. Resolution for National Disability Awareness Month

E. INFORMATION

F. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

G. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING MINUTES

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order

David called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm in room Board Room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue.

2. Roll Call / Introductions

Members present:

Sharon McConnell
Maxine Dibert
Flora Roddy
Michael Angaiak
Carrie Bragonier
Alyssa Quintyne
Marilyn Russell
Ashley Strauch

Administrative support present:

David Rucker
Shayna Lunt

Members Not in Attendance:

Jay Stebbins
Tresha Nash
Tayler Alonzo-Taggart
Brienne Gray
Rose O'Hara-Jolley (Excused)
Kenya Edwards (Excused)

Guest:

Tim Doran

3. Approval of Agenda

Flora Roddy made a motion to approve the agenda. Maxine Dilbert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Members reviewed the April 12, 2018 meeting minutes and Flora Roddy made a motion to approve them. Maxine Dibert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. N/A

C. REPORTS

1. **Topic: Faces of Fairbanks Subcommittee:**

Portraits of people in Fairbanks to show the diversity of our community. Alyssa Quintyne, Ashley Strauch, Carrie Bragonier and Flora Roddy said that they would head up the subcommittee. Due to web and liability issues, it might be problematic for the subcommittee to create and edit its own webpage. David Rucker suggested that someone reach out to the City of Fairbanks to obtain input into their attempts to start a Fairbanks City Diversity Committee web page. Alyssa Quintyne recommended that the project start with the students and teachers to see if they are onboard.

Carrie Bragonier suggested an event or exhibit instead of a web-based forum.

Ashley Strauch, Carrie Bragonier, Alyssa Quintyne, Maxine Dibert and Flora Roddy agreed to continue with the subcommittee and report back at the next meeting.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Topic: Resolutions:**

Flora Roddy stated that the LGBTQ resolution did not make it to the Board last year. There was concern about the resolution was not considered by the school board. Alyssa Quintyne stated that the resolution was put on the “back burner” but it has now gathered support from community members.

Ashley Strauch stated that there should not be a cap on the number of resolutions presented to the Board. There was agreement from Carrie Bragonier, Sharon McConnell and Flora Roddy.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Topic: AR 236:**

Sharon McConnell shared that there was concern among the School Board that there was not enough community involvement in the Committees. They hope that with changes to the way committees operated there will be more participation from the public. Sharon McConnell shared that meeting quarterly was not enough to get anything accomplished.

Ashley Strauch motioned to go before the school board for the Diversity Committee to meet Bi-Monthly, instead of Quarterly. Flora Roddy seconded this motion and it carried unanimously.

October 2, 2018 is the suggested date for Flora Roddy to go before the Board and testify for the importance of meeting more than 4 times a year.

2. **Topic: National LGBTQ History Month:**

Tim Doran from the School Board presented a new draft for the National LGBTQ History Month. Many of the members were not aware of the resolution. He stated that he took some of the statements from the LGBTQ Resolution from last year and statements from the school district to create a resolution to include the LGBTQ students and faculty.

The committee reviewed the draft of LGBTQ History Month.

Alyssa Quintyne stated that there is no nationally recognized LGBTQ month as the current federal administration is not recognizing it this year. There was concern with the Resolution's month of celebration as being October since June is nationally recognized as Pride Month.

Sharon McConnell proposed that both resolutions (Alyssa Quintyne's and Tim Doran's) for both June and October go before the School Board. There was discussion about the issue of June being the targeted month.

Sharon McConnell made a motion to amend the Resolution.

The Resolution was amended paragraph by paragraph. Marilyn Russell motioned to put the October National LGBTQ History Month resolution before the School Board. Flora Roddy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Elizabeth Holm, from North Pole, believes in the power of the Diversity Committee. She wants ALL groups to be included. Christian, Muslim, etc. She stated that this LGBTQ Resolution would cause parents to pull students from the school. She claimed that one mother pulled her kids from school because she felt they were pushing the transgender issue. The Committee expressed their gratitude to Ms Holm for attending and sharing her opinion.

F. INFORMATION

1. **Topic: National Coalition Building Institute:**
2. Introductions:
 - i. Allison Baldock the new Title IX Specialist for the School District.
 - ii. Michael Angaiak is the new FPA Representative.
 - iii. David Rucker is the new EEO Officer.
3. UAF is hosting Indigenous Peoples Day on October 8, 2018. How can the school district collaborate with the event?

G. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. N/A

H. ADJOURNMENT

Ashley Strauch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon McConnell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm