

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

Board Diversity Committee

Regular Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2023

**A. PRELIMINARIES**

**1. Call to Order**

Margaret Matheson called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm via ZOOM from the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue due to technical issues with the ZOOM platform.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

**3. District Mission Statement**

**4. Diversity Committee Vision Statement**

**5. Roll Call / Introductions – Committee has a quorum.**

Members present:

Margaret Matheson  
Sandra Clark  
Donna Fitzpatrick  
Tifani Hollcraft  
Erin Janoso  
Mae Marsh  
Flora Roddy  
April Scott

Administrative support present:

Heather Christian

Other:

Christine Schut - Canceled

Members Not in Attendance:

Caroline Brown – Excused  
Sarah Dimmick  
Viletta Knight – Excused

**6. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to adopt agenda moved by Flora Roddy. Mae Marsh seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**7. Approval of the Minutes**

Members reviewed the March 1, 2023 minutes. Flora Roddy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mae Marsh seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

### **C. REPORTS**

1. FNSBSD – The Center – Christine Schut (Canceled)

### **D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

### **A. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution Against Bullying – Margaret Matheson
  - i. Requested help from the team to write the resolution
  - ii. Tifani Hollcraft – Read notes on resolution into record
  - iii. Committee discussion
  - iv. Break to reset zoom link
  - v. Tifani Hollcraft left meeting – Committee maintains a quorum
  - vi. April Scott – Read School Board Policy [1046.7](#) and [1048.2](#) into record
  - vii. Erin Janoso – Will research other resolutions of this nature and will forward to Heather Christian to disseminate to the committee

### **B. INFORMATION**

1. [Link to resolutions on District website](#)
2. Dene Atlas – Google Sites
  - i. A collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to collecting, preserving, and displaying traditional Alaska Dene place names.
  - ii. <https://sites.google.com/a/alaska.edu/denemapped/home>

### **C. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1. Introductions and closing comments
2. Erin Janoso – District forms review noted and requested it be added to the next agenda
3. Flora Roddy – Admin Secretary for Teaching and Learning; history with DC discussed; history with district discussed; National Coalition Builders involvement; supports resolution
4. Mae Marsh – Community member at large; retired civil rights practitioner
5. April Scott – Assistant Principal at BEHS; interested to hear what community has to say to better support everyone
6. Donna Fitzpatrick – Retired five (5) years ago; SPED teacher in a residential facility in town; large chunk of kids who have experienced trauma and requested resolution to not just focus on the one who is a bully but also provide additional supports for kids who have been bullied
7. Sandy Clark – Retired music teacher; current mentor to music teachers in the district; importance of this committee and noted that diversity is the result of a process and not just a numbers issue. It is a process of thoughtful actions where we can hope to achieve change in the school district for the better that results in true diversity.
8. Maggie Matheson – Assigned to be on the Diversity Committee; thank you for informative discussion

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

Margaret Matheson adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Flora Roddy and seconded by Mae Marsh. Motion carried unanimously.