

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

Board Diversity Committee

Regular Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2023

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order

Margaret Matheson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm via ZOOM from the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. District Mission Statement

4. Diversity Committee Vision Statement

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

Members present:

Margaret Matheson
Caroline Brown
Sandra Clark
Sarah Dimmick
Tifani Hollcraft
Erin Janoso
Viletta Knight
Mae Marsh
Flora Roddy (Late)
April Scott (Late)

Administrative support present:

Heather Christian

Other:

Members Not in Attendance:

Deanna Blackburn - Excused
Donna Fitzpatrick - Excused

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda moved by Viletta Knight. Caroline Brown seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

7. Approval of the Minutes

Members reviewed the February 17, 2022 meeting minutes, October 20, 2022 notes, and December 15, 2022 notes. Sarah Dimmick made a motion to approve the minutes. Caroline Brown seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

C. REPORTS

1. None

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Disability Resolution – Caroline Brown
 - a. History of the resolution discussed
 - b. Requested assistance from a committee member to write the resolution
 - c. **Motion moved by Caroline Brown to have Sarah Dimmick assist with the Disability Resolution. Sandy Clark seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. NAACP Committee Information – Viletta Knight
 - i. History of NAACP and NAACP Education Committee noted
 - ii. Black History Month Contest and literacy events highlighted
2. Social Emotional Support for Students – Flora Roddy
 - i. Flora Roddy provided overview of Bright Futures Fairbanks and how it supports social and emotional needs of students
3. Minority student involvement in district and community activities – Viletta Knight
 - i. NAACP work discussed in reference to lack of representation of African American teachers in the schools and offered alternative opportunities to start getting people of color represented in the schools and across the school district
4. Diversity Committee Priorities – Caroline Brown
 - i. History discussed in clarity of Diversity Committee Priorities
 - ii. Community reports discussed
 - iii. District Strategic Plan discussed
 - iv. Structure of agenda discussed
 - v. Goals and priorities discussed
 - vi. Attendance issues discussed
5. Diversity Committee Calendar – Margaret Matheson
 - i. Adjusted calendar dates to move to the first Wednesday of each month during the school year

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. **Committee members shared thanks and excitement for continued work to be done by the committee**

D. ADJOURNMENT

Margaret Matheson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sarah Dimmick and seconded by Flora Roddy. Motion carried unanimously.