

CAC DEI COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 6, 2024

In Attendance

Present: Saba Alemayehu, Maura Chwastyk, Vanessa Cilento, Madeline Fortelka, Christina Garber, Betsy Gayner, Deborah Lawrence, Autumn Reely, Teresa Smith, Emily Rudy, Jonathan Casey

Special Guest:

Via Zoom:

Absent: Saba Alemayehu, David Pettegrew, Adrian Murray, Dan Serfass

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Betsy. She began with recognition of March being Women's History Month.

Debbie read the FERPA statement.

Approval of Agenda

Betsy asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. There were none. The agenda was approved.

Approval of February 7th Meeting Minutes

Adrian asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes. Hearing none, the February 7th meeting minutes were approved.

Black History Month Contest Reflections

- Submitting through a Google Drive next year. Members reflected on fair judging through the rubric. Should CAC preselect finalists or allow teachers to preselect finalists?
- Should there be a differentiation between essay and creative submissions- weighed pros and cons
- Should winners be chosen through certain qualifications, possibly aspects of the rubric (work best embodies originality/work best responds to MLK's vision prompt)
- Great teacher response- very positive
- Give teachers more advanced notice so that they can build this into their plan for the year
- maybe changing the theme/making it not MLK-specific next year or possibly changing to Women's history month in March
- Monday, March 11th: awards will be given at the school board meeting
- Photograph students with their work and awards

Lions Connection Program for New Families

- Brainstormed some additional organizations to send the welcome packet
- follow-up from Laura Butcher's presentation: 45 adults have already registered for the English Language Learner classes through Trinity Lutheran Church
- There are currently 17 languages spoken at CHSD and 60 ESL students

National Night Out

-First Tuesday in August- August 6th

identifying an activity for the booth: paper and pens are preferred because we have those: paper hands, paper figures, flags, stickers

Updates from Administration/Initiatives Brainstorm Follow-up:

School lunch: Some non-meat options are being offered- no big updates

Tabletop Gaming Club Pilot: The Club will be piloted

LGBTQ+ Club: Find out who the advisor is and Debbie will reach out

Neurodiversity: Mr. Serfass brought up a professional growth committee that gathers to plan the professional development and training for the year. Adrian will communicate with Mr. Serfass to invite a counselor to our committee meeting to discuss what they have offered and perhaps how they would like to expand.

Device Seminar: learn about tech management for children/parents/families

Music in a Park: Reach out to Audrey at Borough Office

Parade of Lights: Staying at Willow Park- how can we make this accessible for all? What do we want to do for the parade? We will need ideas.

CAC+Community Evening Gathering- At Cornerstone? What time of year? It would be nice to make this an annual event. Maddie will talk to Sue about a low-traffic time for us to gather. In the past it was a weeknight 5-6.

International Food/Dinner Fest: community members can represent their backgrounds and cook a meaningful dish to share

Items for Consideration by Community Engagement Committee

The committee meets this month- March. The National Night Out table will need approval for August. Meet and greet at Cornerstone with date and time in April TBA would need to be approved as well.

Comments, Announcements, and Any Other Business

To contact the CAC for DEI please email us at CAC4DEI@camphillsd.k12.pa.us

Action Items

- Debbie will talk to LGBTQ+ Club Advisor
- Adrian will talk to Mr. Serfass about the university club
- Maddie will talk to Sue Pera from Cornerstone about the CAC/Community Gathering

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02

