

# CAC DEI COMMITTEE MINUTES

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April 3, 2024

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## In Attendance

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**Present:** Vanessa Cilento, Madeline Fortelka, Christina Garber, Betsy Gayner, Autumn Reely, Jonathan Casey

**Present Via Zoom:** Debbie Lawrence

**Absent:** David Pettegrew, Adrian Murray, Saba Alemayehu, Maura Chwastyk, Teresa Smith, Emily Rudy, Dan Serfass

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## Welcome

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The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Betsy. Madeline read the FERPA statement.

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## Approval of April 3rd Meeting Agenda

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Betsy asked if there were any suggested amendments to the agenda. There were none. The April 3rd meeting agenda was approved.

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## Approval of March 6th Meeting Minutes

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Betsy asked if there were any suggested amendments to the meeting minutes. There were none. The March 6th meeting minutes were approved.

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## Lion Connections Program for New Families

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-Johnathan raised a point regarding the need for clearances as there was concern from a potential volunteer. Legal counsel recommended we get clearances- it is a district policy. CEC made the decision that volunteers should obtain them- we will let them know about the questioning from a potential volunteer.

-who would hold clearances of volunteers, ensuring they are in compliance?

-It is okay if volunteer clearances are verified through the school district if they are on file. Autumn stated that this was okay.

-Four people have clearances and additional committee members. Jonathan stated that we have enough volunteers- is it time we put a link out there to see if there are families interested?

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## National Night Out

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Debbie reached out to Camp Hill Police- we have a table Tues Aug 6th 6-8 pm. We will need volunteers to staff the table and then final ideas of an activity.

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## CAC for DEI Community Gathering

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- Maddie spoke with Sue Pera and Sue is happy to have a gathering there from 4-6pm.
- Maddie and Debbie will talk about whether it is feasible to hold this event in the spring or whether it should occur in the fall. Debbie suggested a May date.
- We will look at dates to ensure there are no conflicts and then ask Sue about potential dates that we are looking at.

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## International Food Fest

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Early fall is preferable according to Autumn- is there a way to add this on to something else already happening? Honors World Language Club? Are there student groups or maybe the foreign language teachers? Would they want to participate?

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## Updates from Administration

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### **School lunch non-meat options:**

- In January, the participation rate went down and the district lost money. By March 1st of this school year, they order all of the food for next school year.
- Was the January trial indicated to families as it was rolled out? Autumn surveyed administrators and the head of food services and stated they had not heard any complaints from parents regarding this aspect of the lunch program. She wondered if we were hearing any feedback about this in the community.
- The history of a meat/non-meat option stems from members of our population who may have health or religious food restrictions
- Autumn stated that the district has not raised the cost of school lunch prices in seven years and there is a deficit every year.

### **Tabletop Gaming Club Pilot:**

- There is a teacher set to spearhead the club next fall

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## Additional Areas of Focus for 2024

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## Items for Consideration by Community Engagement Committee

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- Are clearances necessary for Lions Connections?

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## Comments, Announcements, and Any Other Business

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- LGBTQ+ teacher is away on medical leave. Debbie was in touch with her and she will connect with us upon her return.

-Christina mentioned the book *The Anxious Generation* by Johnathan Haidt as a lens to further discussion on safe/meaningful use of technology in our SD

-To contact the CAC for DEI please email us at [CAC4DEI@camphillsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:CAC4DEI@camphillsd.k12.pa.us)

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### Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:45