

CAC DEI COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 11, 2023

In Attendance

Lolly Bentch, Christina Garber, Betsy Gayner, Deborah Lawrence, Adrian Murray, Autumn Reely, Jessica Henderson Regan, Teresa Smith, Tanisha Young

By Zoom: CM, Karen Mallah, David Pettegrew, Melanie Gurgiolo

Absent: Jonathan Casey, Emily Rudy, Tiena Tran, Dan Serfass

Welcome

Adrian Murray called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and welcomed everyone. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted that Orthodox Christians celebrated Christmas last week.

Debbie read the FERPA statement.

Approval of Agenda

Adrian asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Adrian made a motion to put on hold the approval of the December meeting minutes as there was not a quorum. At the end of the meeting, he made a motion to approve the minutes as a quorum was present. Hearing no changes, the meeting minutes were approved.

MLK Jr. Day of Service

MLK Jr. Day of service will be held on Monday, January 16th from 10 am to 1 pm in the MS/HS cafeteria. Please sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link or feel free to just stop by.

We will support New Hope Ministries by accepting donations of toiletry items. We will also support Caitlin Smiles by having people make cards for kids that are hospitalized. At 1 pm, a group will take the supplies collected to New Hope Ministries and stay and help at New Hope Ministries until 3 pm. Lolly reported that students aged 16 or older do not need a parent. Students younger than 16, must be accompanied by an adult.

An email and Schoolology message have been sent with all the above information including a list of toiletry items requested. Jessica will reach out to the PA MLK day of service and ask that they add our event to their list. Jessica will also post our event on various FB pages within Camp Hill.

There will be MLK trivia cards at tables so that students and adults can learn interesting facts about MLK while they put kits together or make cards. Adrian asked if possible, that we have a way to stream a video or slideshow during the event as well. Autumn will check to see if that is possible.

Black History Month

Adrian discussed Black History month and its celebration within the school district. Autumn thanked us for the list of resources our committee shared. That list was provided to the principals and they shared with the teachers. Autumn reported that the teachers also found many good resources too.

Tanisha asked if we will know what teachers are doing for Black History month. Autumn said they were not required to report but that the leadership team is overseeing.

Debbie discussed the statewide history essay contest that is currently ongoing. Discussion ensued about our committee doing a similar essay contest within our schools next year. Ideas about having an assembly at each school with the chosen essay winners reading their essay, a small gift card prize, and members of our committee reading books or taking in certain items for discussion to the classrooms during the month. Adrian also proposed that the current statewide Black History essay also be judged on the district level this year.

Support for New Families to the District

At December's meeting, it was discussed that it would be helpful if the district had a Welcome Packet for new families to the district. Betsy reached out to Borough Council members to see if they had anything already in place. She was able to confirm that there is nothing in place other than the newsletter. Several members of Council, felt the idea of an all-inclusive Welcome Packet would be a good idea and would like to assist.

Betsy shared an initial start on this packet. Thank you to those that have offered other ideas of items to include. Please review the list and send her suggestions. She will have an updated list at the February meeting. Once our packet is complete as possible, she will share with Borough Council members for input as well.

Adrian discussed the idea of new families being assigned a buddy for questions and general information. After discussion, it was felt the best approach may be to give the new families our email address and tell them that should they want a buddy to email us. Autumn will review the emails and reach out to our committee.

Tabletop Gaming to Support Neurodiverse Students

Adrian will provide a write up for approval to solicit 10 people to be trained for the table top gaming program. These individuals can be teachers, parents or community members. Training requires (2) –

8-hour sessions done in person. These facilitators will be trained on how to play, facilitate and encourage interaction among the students. These trainers will then be able to train others.

It was mentioned that Fredricksen Library is holding monthly tabletop gaming afternoons on Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

School Lunch Options

Adrian discussed that he is not looking for more lunch options, only that every lunch has a non-meat option. It appears there are plenty of options to make this possible. Autumn asked that we send concerns to the Community Engagement Committee.

CAC for DEI Web Presence

Adrian asked for an update on the school district website revamp. Autumn stated it was in process and there is a meeting with IT and leadership team next week. The district has our list that David compiled. Autumn did not think that the revamping of the website should delay our information from being added or changed.

Comments, Announcements, and Any Other Business

Debbie reminded everyone about the upcoming Lion Foundation Gala on February 4th at the Penn Harris Hotel. She is interested in going and wondered if anyone was interested in going and sitting together.

Christina appreciated Mr. Serfass' recent email outlining activities and all the ways that the students can be involved. She hopes there will be more of these emails in the future.

Adrian mentioned that there are openings on the Human Relations Committee. A description of the committee is on the Borough website. For more information, contact Michele Forbes, Borough Council member.

Tanisha thanked the staff involved with the elementary musical. A recent notice was sent home to parents that was written in both English and Spanish.

Adjournment

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

Adrian adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 1st at 6:00 pm