

CAC DEI COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 7, 2023

In Attendance

Lolly Bentch, Jonathan Casey, Vanessa Cilento, Christina Garber, Betsy Gayner, Deborah Lawrence, Adrian Murray, David Pettegrew, Autumn Reely

By Zoom: Melanie Gurgiolo, Tanisha Young

Absent: Lolly Bentch, Jessica Henderson Regan, Emily Rudy, Teresa Smith, Dan Serfass

Welcome

Adrian Murray called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm and welcomed everyone.

He recognized that June is Pride month.

Debbie read the FERPA statement.

Approval of Agenda

Adrian asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. David requested that we table discussion on Districtwide Data and Metrics and CAC for DEI Web Presence. Those changes were approved.

Approval of May Meeting Minutes

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

CAC for DEI Vacancy

Adrian announced that Tanisha Young and her family will be leaving the district. Adrian thanked her for her service as a starting committee member and for all her efforts in supporting the committee's initiatives.

Support for New Families to the District

Adrian reviewed the Lions Connection program framework. The google survey forms for Family A (Beneficiaries) and Family B (Ambassadors) are now completed.

Autumn stated the school district solicitor will look at the survey for approval and then the school district will send a Blackboard blast out to families soliciting B Families.

An article about this program and link to the survey's will be in the next Borough newsletter.

Jonathan mentioned once the program is up and running, we might ask the Lion Foundation to include information about the program in their materials.

Adrian thought a committee of 3 or 4 DEI members would be enough to coordinate this program. If you are interested, please let him know.

Students Use of Electronic Devices and Social Media

Adrian reported that on Tuesday, August 22nd, Dr. Karen Dahlsgaard will be giving a presentation to the staff during the day and a family/community presentation in the evening. Her evening presentation will be the impact of social media on mental health.

How can we assist in getting the word out about this presentation above what the district will be doing. Flyers, various Facebook groups, borough newsletter were all discussed.

Christina shared her proposal for a Device Protection Workshop for Parents. After a lot of discussion, it was decided that instead of finding an expert speaker that we should focus more on hands on practical help of how to use, limit and control the use of student devices. This could be a good follow up workshop to Dr. Dahlsgaard's presentation. We would hope to advertise our workshop at her presentation with a goal of a September workshop.

The proposal will be sent to the CEC for their consideration at their August meeting.

Christina shared an article, "The Case for Phone-Free Schools" by Jon Haidt. Discussion about asking the school district to review all the policies regarding electronic devices. David will write a proposal.

Table Top Gaming Update

We are still in need of volunteers to be trained for this program. The school district has sent out a message to families and teachers. The next borough newsletter will have information about the program as well. We are looking to hold training the second week in August.

School Lunch Options

Autumn reported that she met with Mr. Ammerman (business manager) and Catilin Grim (head of the cafeteria). There was a survey done with MS/HS students of what they liked and disliked in the hopes of decreasing waste. She stated that the cafeteria is currently running a large deficit. This is due to several factors such as rising cost of food, availability of food and the districts desire not to raise the cost of school lunches.

There are a lot of factors that go into creating the schedule of offered items. Mr. Serfass, Mr. Ammerman (business manager) and Katelyn will be meeting to discuss.

Comments, Announcements, and Any Other Business

Adrian discussed filling Tanisha's vacancy as well as the turnover of our committee in January 2024. A review of our bylaws indicates at the end of each 2-year period, the CHSD school board will review our committees work and decide whether to continue our committee or dissolve it.

If we continue, our bylaws state that 1/3 of our committee (4 members) will stay on while the other member positions will be replaced.

Discussion about whether we advertise for Tanisha's position now or wait until we advertise for the turnover of the board positions. Vanessa is fulfilling a vacancy so her position would be part of the turnover parameters.

It was asked if we could revisit previous applicants. The school district did not keep that information.

Adrian asked that people consider whether they want to remain on the board or rotate off for discussion in August.

Discussion about the district website update. Autumn states there is a meeting on 6/13 and she should know then when it might be finished. She stated it should not hinder us in our ongoing efforts to update our webpage. She stated there is a reorganization of staff and that Amanda is leaving the district. Our new contact to work with is Alexis.

Adjournment

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Adrian adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm

Our next meeting is August 2nd at 6:00 pm