

CAC DEI COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 4, 2023

In Attendance

Jonathan Casey, Vanessa Cilento, Christina Garber, Betsy Gayner, Adrian Murray, David Pettigrew, Emily Rudy, Teresa Smith, Dan Serfass

By Zoom: Debbie Lawrence, Melanie Gurgiolo, Karen Mallah, CM

Absent: Lolly Bentch, Jessica Henderson Regan, Autumn Reely

Welcome

Adrian Murray called the meeting to order at 6:04 and read the FERPA statement.

Approval of Agenda

Adrian asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Hearing no changes, the agenda was approved.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

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

CAC for DEI Transition to the Next Term

Adrian reviewed the process of the transition of our committee.

Half of our committee members will stay on the board for one additional year. Three of those will be the officers (Adrian, Debbie and Betsy) The remaining 3 positions will be selected at random by those remaining members that want to continue to serve for one year. This will be done at our November meeting.

The remaining 6 positions, a 2-year position, will be filled through the application process. Current committee members that are not selected at random and want to continue to serve can apply for a 2- year position. The application process will be done in November. Selection process will be at our December meeting.

Support for New Families to the District

The subcommittee of Jonathan, Debbie, Christina and Betsy met recently.

Ambassador families will need clearances. Dan will send us the list of clearances that will be required. Decision was made to add a statement to the Ambassador application stating clearances will be needed to participate. Participants will be required to provide a copy of their clearances that the secretary will keep on file. Jonathan will reach out to those families that have already signed up to inquire about clearances and to ask for copies.

We will send Lion Connections applications and flyer to CEC for approval at their October meeting.

Tabletop Gaming to Support Neurodiverse Students

Adrian reported that the training will take place for volunteers on October 16th and 18th in the district board room. They will need a projector for the training. The invoice for training will be paid by the school district and the district will be reimbursed by the Lion Foundation grant we received.

Students Use of Electronic Devices and Social Media

The proposal for a parental workshop to learn more about the use and control of their students' devices will be submitted to the CEC for their October meeting.

Dan stated that policy 237, Electronic Communication Devices, will start the process of review in November. He reviewed the process of policy review. The PSBA (PA School Board Association) gives input into all of the policies and then the leadership team discusses and makes recommendations to the policy committee. Policy committee discusses and sends to school board for discussion. Policy is posted for a month to allow public input. Policy committee discusses again and then it goes to the school board for a vote.

Discussion about the use of social media (IG and Snap Chat) by extracurricular activities to communicate. Not all students have devices and not all parents are comfortable having their children use these social media platforms. Discussion about using schoology and Chromebook communication instead. Dan stated it is an administrative procedure and should be part of the student and athletic handbook acceptable use policies. He will look into those policies.

MLK Day 2024 Planning

A subcommittee of Adrian, David, Emily and Teresa was formed to plan this event.

Discussion of what we did last year and other ideas were shared. Everyone agreed having a place for students and or their families to come together to participate was great. Are there other educational things we can have at the event this year? Cards with QR codes for more information?

Discussion about Mr. Tubbs, the civics teacher, possibly having ideas for how to involve students. Dan will reach out to him.

David mentioned a virtual reality experience, "I am a Man", that is set to the historic events of the African-American Civil Rights Movement. We would need a computer and virtual reality headsets but the program is free.

Adrian discussed the state wide MLK essay contest and using that same prompt to have a district wide contest. Dan will reach out the organization to check when the information on the contest will be available.

Updates to School District Website

David reviewed the changes we want to our committee's presence on the district website. The changeover of the website is a lengthy, time-consuming project. Dan and David will meet to discuss our changes and when they may occur.

Discussion about the pros and cons of establishing a FB page for our committee. It was felt that we should provide information about our events to already established FB pages within the community.

School Lunch Options

At the September CEC meeting, the head of the food service presented an overview of the school lunch program, including federal guidelines, finances, and facility limitations. In follow up to this meeting, she understands that we aren't asking for more options of choices but rather a rearrangement of options so that each day there is a meat and non-meat option. The non-meat option not being the PBJ. Dan reported that they are going to pilot a new menu schedule in January through March and monitor.

The committee thanked Dan and the district for their support.

Items to be Sent to CEC for Approval

The following items will be sent to the Community Engagement Committee for approval at their October 19th meeting.

1. Device Protection Workshop for Parents proposal
2. Lions Connection Application
3. Lions Connection Ambassador Application
4. Lions Connection Flyer

Comments, Announcements, and Any Other Business

Adrian noted that we will add a new agenda item each month, "Items that need to be sent to CEC for approval". This will help us to move things along in a timely manner.

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Adrian adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm

Our next meeting is November 1st at 6:00 pm