

9/27/2022 DEIJ Community Group Meeting Notes

Attendance: Rachael Blansett, Val Wolfson, Jim Morse, Trish Hall, Yusi Turell, Shannon Brown, Brian Ryan, Denise Day, Paige Burt, Yanhong Dai, Susan Mathison, Zoe Selig, Suzanne Filippone, Vivian Jablonski, Jaclyn Jensen, Kristin Forselius

6:00pm dinner and conversation

6:28pm Rachael welcomes everyone and asks that each individual introduce themselves.

Reviewed Community Agreements and had a discussion around them. The group agrees to continue to use them.

Discuss Updates:

NH Listens will be hosting a community experience in response to hate based activities to teach people how to respond. The event on October 3rd is an in-person event and October 6th will be an online event. Rachael will send an email with the details out to the group.

Creating Human Solidarity Workshop is scheduled for Sept 29 – 30 from 10am-4pm cost associated, and Rachael will email the group more information.

Suggestion was made to create a calendar that could be accessed by all for events to be added in.

Action: We need a group calendar that is interactive for all to access (Rachael).

Rachael is finishing a teacher needs assessment which will be given to teachers on the next teacher workshop day to realize professional development for faculty.

Exeter Racial Equity Group invited Jim to an event a few weeks ago.

Kate and Trish are in the creation stages of a PLC for faculty – joining both schools.

Seacoast Outright working with Kristin to create a safe space for kids on “this side of the bridge”

HS student group is picking up where they left off and creating a handbook for teachers and are working with Rachael on it. They are hoping to have a student teacher curriculum review group. HS teachers have met and are looking at rebranding work to focus on scenarios which they will be starting soon.

MS Social Justice Club has met and hope to connect with the HS; MS PLC is starting up again next week. Thirteen students were there today, and this number will fluctuate each meeting.

Discussion about how to connect with new 9th grade students with JEDI group at HS. How do we communicate with each other.

Rachael discusses the Steering Committee – who and what: Kristen, Val, Paige, Suzanne, and Rachael meet to create agenda and meeting focus.

Action: Please send thoughts for future meetings. At the next meeting we will determine the meetings for the school year. Next meeting will be in October, date, and time to be determined. Discussion around time for meetings. Traditionally we have picked a day of the week – Tuesdays determined.

World Café/Gallery Walk activity described by Rachael. Where have we been? Where do we want to go? How do we get there (may be for next meeting)? Separate into stakeholder groups and wait for further instructions. Groups moved through activity.

Rachael brought the group back together at 7:15pm and asked the group to go to any table they would like and start brainstorming - Where do we want to grow and go this school year?

Rachael brings group back together and will summarize the work and will add to the next agenda to work on action items for the school year.

Next meeting October date and time TBD ~ Meeting ended at 7:30pm