

October 23, 2023

DEIJ Community Meeting

6:08 Meeting begins.

In Attendance: Val Wolfson, Trisha Hall, Giana Gelsey, Dennis Day, Rachael Blansett, Jaclyn Jensen, Caroline Sterndale, Rheanna Cote, Susan Mathison, Cathy Collins, Suzanne Filippone, Elise Bacon

Announcements:

School Board announcements, Seacoast Outright having a Halloween Party, Bipoc student spaces at MS & HS, Equity NH Listserv as a resource

Spring Program Contd. Discussion

New focus and what we want to do as an event in the Spring semester. Ideas brainstormed.

Classism, LGBTQIA+, SEL connected with something, Do we start with an educational piece and roll out something more regular around SEL and LGBTQIA+?

Brainstorm: Humanizing humans. Human Library. Building a more inclusive community – how do we have more humanizing conversations? Belonging. Myth that we don't have diversity. What is our essential question? Community Dinner, Theme building a community, something that sets stage or modeling, or keynote. The idea of the story is strong. Finding the diversity that didn't seem diverse. We need the different stories to build our community and build strength. Sharing our Stories.

OR COMMUNITY READS- Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. Poverty, by America Mathew Desmond -Can the district get involved?

Resources for teachers about how to talk about economic differences.

Going to engage in resources Rheanna shared with us on class/classism during our next meeting.

7:26 Meeting ends.