



Equity Committee Meeting 5/26/2021

Attendees: Sariah Davis, Rhana Bazzini, Davian Spires, Bill Nease, Ashley Cote', Nora Ngo Mitchell, Julie Wright-Halbert, Carol Robinson, Dwana Washington, Trevor Harvey, Emma Anderson, Geri Chaffee, Ben Jewell, Amanda Rico, Dr. Asplen, Dr. Moore

Meeting began at 5:40 P.M.

Dr. Moore can be reached at (941) 927-9000 x 31154. Early mornings are the best times.

Dr. Moore will set up a book study for the "Belonging Through A Culture of Dignity" with students and some committee members.

Reviewed protocols

The District Cabinet has reviewed our draft twice and made a few changes. The School Board has reviewed yesterday and today and provided their input.

Town Hall reviews. Several of our committee members attended the meetings. The main feedback from the Town Hall meetings were the discussions of:

C.R.T; Masks; Faith; Teaching History; Not Entertaining Current events.

Overall goal is the success of ALL students, stakeholders and staff members.

With the open letter from the governor about Critical Race Theory in the schools, we need to work on making sure trigger words are not included in our documents.

Bill sent a link _____

We need to stay away from the use of "Anti" in our documentation as that tends to lead the thought in a negative tone.

We all need to be able to be honest and open during the next few meetings so we can conclude on an all-inclusive draft.

The process for the draft policy –

Will go back to cabinet/staff, then the School Board, possibly posted for 30 days and then implemented.

Our goal is to focus on Educational Equity and Equality.

Dr. Asplen update – went over the Town Halls. He will get some items out in writing to go to all parents and staff to make sure there are no questions regarding certain items that were brought up like the Pledge of Allegiance etc.

Dr. Asplen wants the Equity Plan to be joined in connection with the Strategic Plan. They should mirror each other.

The Equity Policy the Board will make the determination of whether this will be sent out for review to become a policy.

Broke into groups to review the Equity Draft for any more changes/questions. Each group will email Dr. Moore their reviewed items.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 6/30/2021 at 5:30 PM.

Sincerely,

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