



Minutes
NASHOBA Regional School Committee
Diversity, Equity, Acceptance, and Racial Justice Advisory
May 11, 2022
7:30 PM

Meeting Remote via Zoom Technology

Attendees: Laurie Burnett, Gregory Denson, Kristin Hera, Kelly Lawlor, Lindsay Chaves

- I. Call to Order** by Laurie Burnett at 7:31
- II. Introductions, Review of Norms, and Land Acknowledgement**
Land Acknowledgement read by Kristin Hera
- III. Citizens Comments**
No Citizen Comments
- IV. Review and Approval of Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes from 4/27/22:** Motion to approve minutes by Laurie Burnett, seconded by Kelly Lawlor. Unanimous Approval (5/0)
- VI. Updates from the Community and District:**
 - A. High School Club Updates:
 1. SSJ had their very successful Fireside Chat with the Superintendent in partnership with NASJA.
 - B. NASJA Updates:
 1. Partnered with SSJ for the Fireside Chat with the superintendent.
 - C. School Committee Updates:
 1. Should we have an introductory document about DEARJ for new school committee members?
 - D. School Council Updates: No reports
 - E. Additional Community & District Updates: No reports
- VII. Updates Current Projects & School Committee Activity**
 - A. District Strategic Planning Work:
 1. Their work is active and ongoing right now.
 2. Whose voices are listened to and how do we ensure that we are hearing all voices in an inclusive way?
 - B. Calendar:
 1. Laurie Burnett met with Superintendent Downing.
 - a) He indicated that he would include holidays on the calendar.
 - b) He is still deciding as to whether to recommend Indigenous Peoples' Day, Columbus Day, or both.

- c) Superintendent Downing is considering including religious and cultural information in another space.
- C. School Committee Meeting of 5/4/22
 - 1. Superintendent's Summative Evaluation:
 - a) In discussion of DEI work in the district the superintendent highlighted the full day of Professional Development on March 18, 2022, the faculty Book Club which read and discussed "Equity by Design" by Mirko Chardin and Katie Novak, and his regular community email outreach about cultural and religious traditions.
 - 2. Dr. Boynton's Entry Plan
 - 3. Additional Agenda Items
 - a) Proposed Civil Right Trip for April 2023- Greg presented to SC for approval.

VIII. Group work: identify groups and priorities & break into groups

A. Group Options:

- 1. **District/ Superintendent Entry and Strategic Planning Work**
 - a) DEARJ will meet Tuesday May 17 to discuss
- 2. **Calendar**
 - a) The advisory edited the letter to the school committee about the calendar recommendations.
 - b) Kristin Hera made a motion to approve the revised letter, seconded by Laurie Burnett. Unanimous vote (5/0)
- 3. **Professional Learning Resources for School Committee and Subcommittees**
 - a) To be discussed at the June 8 DEARJ meeting.

IX. Items for future agendas

- X. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 9:10 by Gregory Denson, seconded by Kristin Hera. Passed unanimously.

"The items listed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law."

Edited on 5/12/22 at 6:26 am