



Minutes
NASHOBA Regional School Committee
Diversity, Equity, Acceptance, and Racial Justice Advisory
May 3, 2023
8:00-9:30 PM

Meeting Remote via Zoom Technology

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Meeting ID: 871 4083 3497

Attendees: Lindsay Chaves, Elizabeth Bendler, [Leah Cullinane](#), Laurie Burnett, [Laura Friend](#)

- I. **Call to Order** Lindsay Chaves called the meeting the meeting to order at 8:03 PM
- II. **Acknowledgments, Review of Norms, & Agenda** Friday, May 5th is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2 Spirit Day.
- III. **Introductions**
- IV. **Citizens' Comments-** No citizens' comments
- V. **Approval of Minutes-** Approved minutes of Apr 5, 2023 Elizabeth moved to approve minutes and Laurie seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- VI. **Updates NRSD, NRSC, & Community:**
 - Laura Friend shared updates on:
 1. School Choice process and discussion at the School Committee
 2. Teaching and Learning Entry Plan strengths and areas of growth
 3. International Day at the High School
 4. Culturally responsive teaching assessment goals
 5. REDI
 6. Equity Audit selection process
 - **DEARJ** has been invited to present at the NRSC committee mtg of 5/24/23 which is the last meeting before new School Committee members join.
- VII. **Working Group Updates & Discussion**
 - Leah led a discussion on the resource she created (as discussed at our 4/4/23 meeting).
 - The resource Leah created was built from the DEARJ Guiding document and the DEARJ Project Timeline. The document is intended to be posted on our webpage in order to provide the public with an overview of our purpose, vision, and our ongoing work.
 - Discussion:
 1. Leah shared the results of the survey she had created for feedback on the document. Two DEARJ members who were not able to attend the meeting the meeting tonight had completed the survey. The committee reviewed the survey

results and then shared their thoughts both verbally and on the Jamboards Leah had created.

2. Questions discussed: What is the website trying to do- is it to inspire people to join us? Is it to provide information on our work for those interested?
 3. Discussion as to whether we want to include the timeline in this document or a separate document. Consensus not reached.
 4. Discussed the specifics of font and “bubbles” as an appropriate format.
 5. Discussed vision and mission- did not finalize.
- Next Steps:
 1. We will continue to work on the document with a short-term goal of sharing it with the School Committee with our presentation.

VIII. Action Planning and Work

- We moved up our next Working Group meeting to 5/10/23 from 5/17/23 in order to work on our presentation to the School Committee.
- Elizabeth offered to put together a draft ppt for discussion.

IX. Adjourned 9:40 pm Elizabeth moved to close the meeting and Leah Seconded. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by Laurie Burnett