



SAFE, EQUITABLE & INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

PRESENT:

Aimee Copping, Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition
 Alethia Stephenson, Dufferin County Canadian Black Association
 Angela Ostetto, Human Resources, UGDSB
 Ben Hesch, Family Counselling & Support Services, Guelph
 Cheryl Van Ooteghem, Superintendent of Education, UGDSB
 Colinda Clyne, Curriculum Lead, First Nations, Metis & Inuit, UGDSB
 Heather Loney, Communications & Community Engagement Officer, UGDSB
 Jennifer Parkinson, Grand River Metis Council
 Jenny Marino, Mental Health & Additions Lead, UGDSB
 Jessica Rowden, Curriculum Lead, Equity & Inclusion, UGDSB
 Jonathan Walker, Principal of Program, UGDSB
 Laurie Whyte, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
 Lynette Pole-Langdon, Family Transition Place, Orangeville
 Lynn Woodford, Chief Psychologist, UGDSB
 Mahrukh Syed, Muslim Society of Guelph
 Marguerite Campbell, Guelph Black Heritage Society
 Martha MacNeil, Trustee & Chair of the UGDSB
 Maureen Oesch, Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)
 Niketa Peters, Dufferin Child & Family Services
 Sandra Cocco, Immigrant Services, Guelph & Wellington County
 Wendy Donaldson, Assistant to the Superintendent of Program Services, UGDSB

REGRETS:

Jolly Bedi, Trustee, UGDSB
 Mona Kambo, Grange Hill East Neighbourhood Group

| Item | Discussion | Follow-up |
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| Welcome & Introductions | Thank you to everyone for attending today. What would you like to hear about at future meetings? | |
| Election of Chair and Vice-Chair | Chair: Marguerite Campbell Vice Chair: Laurie Whyte | |
| Sharing ideas for future meetings | Structure from previous meetings – (1.5 hours in length) Jenny Marino shared the Mental Health Plan; Sandra Cocco discussed what Immigrant Services can provide and the collaboration with the Board; Colinda Clyne shared the Board Improvement Plan for FNMI students and staff; Jessica Rowden shared the Equity Plan and work happening in the Board. | |

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| | <p>It was very much the Board “sharing out” -information and committee turnout was low.</p> <p>Would like to engage our community and hear the needs. What are our agencies doing? How can we do a better job at making our schools safe, equitable and inclusive for All? We need to share our work and get feedback.</p> <p>Update – Jessica Rowden Starting in the very near future, there will be staff leadership/advisory groups made up of folks who have that identity and are staff in the UGDSB. These groups will plan, organize, deliver and drive anti-racism and anti-oppression work in our Board. There will be approximately 9 participants on each committee. One rep from each committee will sit on ESC (Equity Steering Committee). The committees are: Anti-Black Racism and Black Brilliance Anti-Racism 2SLGBTQIS+ Homeless and Poverty</p> <p>Share the Board’s Equity Plan</p> <p>Colinda Clyne is also working on the same committee forming for First Nations, Metis and Inuit.</p> <p>Group discussed ideas to structure the meetings to align with everyone’s needs; share information from groups/ community agencies; highlights from staff; would like to be ‘action’ oriented. Can this committee make recommendations to Trustees?</p> <p>Marguerite, Laurie and Cheryl will meet to put an agenda together for the next meeting and share with the committee.</p> | <p>Marguerite, Laurie & Cheryl</p> |
| <p>Future meetings, dates & times</p> | <p>Group discussed an additional meeting in November as well as day time vs evening meetings – November 18, 1:00 pm January 20, 1:00 pm April 21, 7:00 pm June 9, 1:00 pm</p> | |