

Oriole Park Local School Council
ZOOM Equity Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 4, 2020
Start Time: 4:30pm

In attendance: Al Grippe**, Liz Schultz*, Sara Arnold, Jennifer Gillespie, Karen Torres, Dawn Olsen

Absent: Barbara Brodsky, Julie Fehler-Render*, Ewa Mascarenhas, Candice McGuffey

**Current LSC member/Committee Chair

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1. Call to Order- 4:40pm Al Grippe
2. Acceptance of agenda (v-unanimous)
 - Motion Karen, Second Sara
3. Report on LSC Updates
 - a. Religious/Cultural Observances Calendar
 - i. Committee still needs to submit a draft letter for inclusion in the Virtual Backpack that indicates OPS's commitment to avoid scheduling school sponsored events on days that conflict with identified religious/cultural observances. Karen will draft letter.
 - ii. **LSC REQUEST: At the appropriate time, publish letter in the Virtual Backpack.**
 - b. SEL Update
 - i. Equity committee members are still interested in attending the School Climate and Culture (SCC) teacher committee to learn more about how we can support their efforts.
 - ii. On behalf of the SCC committee, Candace McGuffey requested assistance from the Equity Committee on resources to help students manage anxiety.
 - iii. **LSC REQUEST: Is the SCC committee still meeting virtually during the stay at home order? If so, can members of the Equity committee attend?**
 - c. Healthy CPS Alignment Report
 - i. Advised committee that Principal Riff agreed to provide regular updates on OPS compliance with requirements of the report. Health education seen as a priority from results of CIWP survey results.
 - ii. **LSC Request: Status update on compliance with outstanding requirements. Is the CIWP committee meeting?**
 - d. Hate speech/intimidating and derogatory language in school
 - i. Advised committee we provided Principal Riff with contact and programming information from three organizations that can provide training during professional development days to teachers and staff.
 - ii. **LSC Request: Is the school planning to include this type of training during professional development next school year?**
4. Remote Learning Equity Concerns
 - a. Advised committee the school has provided Chrome books to all families who requested equipment, including adequate connectivity access. Principal Riff noted there were still a few families that had not accessed remote learning but the school was attempting to ensure all students are participating.

- b. Concern expressed about CPS grading policy with remote learning. If a student does not participate in remote learning they will be marked incomplete.
 - c. Discussion as to whether grade level teachers are coordinating the curriculum provided to students during remote learning.
 - d. **LSC Request: Status update on efforts to get all students participating in remote learning. Clarification on what will happen if a student does not complete assigned school work.**
 - e. **LSC Recommendation: Provide training or coaching assistance to parents and students using Chromebooks and on how to access applications used by teachers on the Chromebook.**
5. Public Participation
- a. No public participation
6. New business and/or announcements
- a. Karen advised she has a contact at DePaul University counseling department that can provide programming for a student assembly on managing anxiety. She also advised she has a friend who owns a fair trade business that sells meditation cushions at wholesale prices.
 - i. **LSC Request: Can we forward this information directly to the SCC?**
7. Meeting adjourned: 5:22pm

Next Meeting: May 27, 2020 at 5:30pm via Zoom