Remote Zoom Meeting

Feb 2 2022

Present: Tracey Marano, CSC; CCSC, DEI Subcommittee Chair

Sara Wilson, CCSC Court Booth, CSC; CCSC

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD

Andrew Nyamekye, Director of DE&I

Kristin Herbert, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning

Guest: Dr. Paula Martin, Cultural Competency Consultant, IDEAS

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL Ms. Marano called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM. Roll call attendance was taken: Marano, aye; Booth, aye; Wilson, aye.
- **II READING OF THE MINUTES:** Mr. Booth made a motion to accept the minutes from 12/1/21 and 1/5/11, Ms. Wilson aye, Ms. Marano, aye, Mr. Booth aye.
- **III. MASS/State Updates:** Dr. Hunter reported on the MASS Mid-Winter conference which was an abbreviated version of the originally scheduled report on DEI survey and REDI plan, the more robust program was postponed until May. Dr. Hunter is part of a group of Superintendents working on a guide to DEI resources for administrators across Massachusetts. In her DEI leaders group the conversations have been about sharing challenges, successes and resources.
- IV. PAULA MARTIN: School Committee Training update The group reviewed Dr. Martin's proposal for SC PD work. Mr. Booth inquired about the levers available to SC members to affect change. Dr. Martin explained that the proposed training lays the groundwork for the SC's future work on DEI. She discussed how the IDEAS workshop curriculum will give the school committee members the same "lens and vocabulary" as the faculty and staff in the schools, emphasizing that "if the hope is we all come together, we all have to go through the same process." Mr. Nyamekye echoed this saying that this is "systemic, transformational work." Committee members asked Dr. Martin about her work with other School Committees, in particular are there any issues with open meeting laws. Dr. Martin said she would look into those concerns. Scheduling is tentatively set for March, but exact dates are TBD.

- **V. DEI DIRECTOR UPDATE** Mr. Nyamekye gave an overview of his recent work with the community including his newsletters, Martin Luther King Day events and finishing up roundtable conversations. He will be reporting on his work to the SC in March. Mr. Nyamekye also talked about the Calculus Project which is gearing up. He noted that Bedford SC added a representative from Metco.
- **VI. Anti Racism Activity and Discussion** Mr. Nyamekye presented key takeaways from the School Committee focus groups with a particular focus on thinking about how to define the 3 top priority conditions that need to be met to fulfill antiracist goals.

VII. Public Comment None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT Ms. Wilson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Booth. The motion was approved by all in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 1:02pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sara Wilson

Abbreviations:

CCHS Concord-Carlisle High School

CCRSD Concord-Carlisle Regional School District

CCSC Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee

CCTA Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association

CDC Center for Disease Control & Prevention

CEF Concord Education Fund

CMLP Concord Municipal Light Plant

CMS Concord Middle School

CMSBC Concord Middle School Building Committee

CPS Concord Public Schools

CSC Concord School Committee

E&D Excess and Deficiency

DEI Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

FINCOM Finance Committee

MDPH Massachusetts Department of Public Health

OPEB Other Post-Employment Benefits

PD Professional Development

SC School Committee