

School & Community Relations
November 12, 2020

Attendance:

Tracy Baron	BOE Member
Shannon Johnson	BOE Member
Kevin Ridley	District Videographer
Doug Berry	Assistant Superintendent
Diane Newell	Chief Information Officer
Liz Hausman	Public Information Officer
Lisa Brady	Superintendent

The Committee discussed the Race and Equity website that is under construction. Lisa shared an organizational chart of the Race and Equity Committee structure prepared by Julia Drake. Diane is going to work on the chart to enhance the design prior to posting on the website.

The Committee discussed a timeline of some sort to show the progress and work undertaken by the District since 2017. Lisa prepared a narrative of a large portion of the work but it needs to be presented in some type of visual representation. There is also information that is missing and once the Committee decides on a visual representation, it will be shared with other staff for additional input. It will also be shared with the Race Matters Core Team and NYU Steinhardt to ensure that nothing is missing. Diane, Kevin and Liz will work on the timeline visual for review at the next meeting or before.

The Committee discussed the production of a video to capture the voices of students, staff, parents and community members. Lisa and Doug will set up an opportunity for Natalie Zwerger to meet with Kevin to discuss this. The goal of the video is to use the voices of our school community to help answer the question of “why” this work is so important. The “why” is not something that is necessarily understood by everyone.

The Committee discussed whether it might make sense for Lisa to do a community video similar to those that she did in the Spring. The video would give a COVID-19 update of some kind. Lisa will give some thought to what this might entail. Maybe something next week as a pre-Thanksgiving kind of thing.