

School & Community Relations Committee
October 8, 2020

Attendance:

Tracy Baron	BOE Member
Shannon Johnson	BOE Member
Doug Berry	Asst. Superintendent
Liz Hausman	Public Information Officer
Diane Newell	Chief Information Officer
Lisa Brady	Superintendent

The Committee will ask Kevin Ridley if he would like to join the committee. We do so much work with videos and Kevin's expertise would be a welcome addition.

Communications - Race and Equity Work in the District

The committee discussed a website where important information can be "housed." This would include resources for parents, a catalogue of books (staff book reads) and other texts, a timeline of the work that the District has engaged in over the past years as well as the plan for to 2020-2021 school year, BOE Work Sessions, information about the NYU Steinhardt Metro Center and other information of interest.

The committee also talked about working with Kevin to produce a video capturing student's voices and experiences and teacher voices and experiences with race issues in the school and community. Lisa will work with Natalie Zwerger to identify appropriate resources.

The committee also discussed that socioeconomic issues are a large part of equity challenges in Dobbs Ferry and that Spanish speaking parents need additional support.

Reopening Website Updates

Liz, Diane, Tracy and Doug will review the recent guidance from the NYS Department of Health and make the necessary changes to the Reopening Plan and associated materials that are on the Reopening Website.

Fall E-newsletter

Liz will begin working on this and send a draft to the committee for review.