

Advisory Committee for Acceptance and Diversity

Fourth meeting, March 6, 2014, 7 pm, T.C. Passios Building, Room 13.

In attendance:

Gregory Berthiaume	School Committee	Present
Michael Mackin	School Committee	Not present
Robert Ebersole	Board of Selectmen	Present
Charlene Stephens	Community-at-large	Present
Richard Beardmore	Community-at-large Alternate	Present
Nicole Hennessy	Student Representative	Not present
Casey Voyer	Student Alternate	Not present
Elizabeth Rawlinson	Parent	Present
Darruene Vann	Parent	Not present
Paul Bertrand	Parent Alternate	Not present

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Charlene Stephens, Chair. It was noted that the meeting scheduled for February 27th was rescheduled to March 6th to accommodate attendance at the Town Manager's budget presentation.

Minutes

The minutes of February 6, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Review of brainstorming activities to determine possible costs

The committee reviewed the sheet that documented the various actions that would be recommended to undertake to improve tolerance, respect and diversity.

The activities broke down into the following categories:

Programming and speakers, Materials, Grant writer – staffing or stipend, Activities, Training, Curriculum, and Exchange Exercises

Bob Ebersole was charged with assigning rough numbers to each category and to review his estimates with the Superintendent of Schools for reasonableness and whether she thought there might be grants or donations available to cover some of those costs. At our next meeting, the committee will review the outcome of that review and finalize the numbers. This information will then be presented to the School Committee at their March 19th meeting.

Schedule and future meetings

Next March Meetings are March 13 and 27th

April 10 and 24 and Possibly May 1st

The committee's final presentation to the School Committee is expected to be on May 7th.

Homework for Committee

Review the list of brainstormed ideas and be prepared to discuss how we would recommend the major items be implemented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.