

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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November 29, 2021

Present: Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA); Amanda Garces, Human Rights Commission (HRC); Henri Sparks, Chair, Burlington School District; Bernice Garnett, Associate Professor, UVM; Dan French, Agency of Education (AOE); Curtiss Reed, Jr., Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity; Sue Ceglowski, Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA); V. Pearson, Upright Vermont; Mill Moore, Vermont Independent Schools Association; Jay Nichols, Vermont Principals' Association

AOE: Suzanne Sprague

Agenda:

1. Subcommittee work and assignments
2. Other?

Chair Sparks called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

Chair Sparks led discussion on subcommittee work and assignments. He reviewed the possible subcommittees which are: building a resource collection; survey highlighting the work of Advisory Council (AC); exploring the next steps of the AC; and ways to spend the \$9 million of state funding. Secretary French reminded the group that subcommittees need to adhere to Open Meeting Law.

Discussion occurred regarding how the \$9 million can be spent, getting resources in the hands of families, making an impact on the ground, subcommittees work process, the importance of having student members on the AC, resources on racism and white supremacy culture, the specific responsibility of the AC, yearly report to the legislature, promoting civility in open meetings, race as a separate policy, elevating student and parental voice and having resources in multiple languages.

Members on the building a resource collection subcommittee are Garnett, Garces and Reed. The AOE will send a Doodle poll to determine the date of the subcommittee meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the remaining categories to be the work of the full AC and not subcommittees. Sparks will begin drafting the yearly report to the legislature.

The next regular meeting is below.
January 31, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
Minutes recorded and prepared by Suzanne Sprague.

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