

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 24, 2015

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Our Mission:

The purpose of the Downingtown Area School District Diversity Committee is to promote the district's efforts to foster multicultural knowledge and to increase attitudinal acceptance of others' individual uniqueness. The committee believes that respecting differences in ethnicity, cultural background, physical or intellectual ability, religion, gender, or sexuality are necessary for all members of the school community.

Attendees:

Faye Warnick, Don Mixon, Janet Savastio, Rob Reed, Barnia Young, Lou Chance, Zach Ruff, Nick Argonish, and Chantel Logan.

Agenda:

- Discuss 2015-2016 Goals
 - The group discussed and explored ways and possibilities to gather “student voice” to the committee.
 - The purpose was discussed along with “who”, “what”, and “how”.
 - Two ideas emerged: 1.) Seek student participation for the meetings; and 2.) Survey students.
 - It was decided that the next meeting would be utilized to review the survey instrument from 2011 as well as the results to better understand what was completed at that time.
- Establish next meeting date

Minutes:

- DASD Vision Plank #6
 - **Analyze Demographics & Seek to Understand Diversity**
 - Strive to understand cultural changes, population shifts, and demographic patterns in a growing district.
 - Cohesively create and adjust for balanced organizational patterns for our K-12 children.
 - Maintain a clear understanding of the traditions and historical perspective of the greater Downingtown community.
- **Next meeting:**
 - **October 29, 2015**
 - **4:00 – 5:30 PM**
 - **540 Trestle Place, Downingtown.**

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