

## MEETING MINUTES

### Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force (EDIT) Committee

Via Zoom

Thursday, January 14, 2021

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tara Figueroa at 7:00 pm.

#### **Attendance:**

##### **Present:**

Tara Figueroa  
Ashleigh Pascarella  
Melissa Usseglio  
Jonathan Tropp  
Amanda Wagner  
Dan Wisneski  
Susan Neil  
Lincoln Johnson

**Also Present:** James Cordone, Attorney

#### **Announcement re EDIT Competition**

Ms. Pascarella announced competition to design EDIT logo. The formal announcement will come out next week. Anyone in the community is invited to participate. More details after next week's meeting.

#### **Public Comment:**

Ellie Grasso, 24 Indian Rd. Involved in a book club and discussion groups where different topics are discussed in other towns. There is a void in Trumbull because the town doesn't have these types of discussion groups like Fairfield, Bridgeport. Ms. Grasso feels it's important to discuss different experiences and share with others. Would like to work with the Committee on starting these groups in Trumbull.

Challa Flemming, 19 Coventry Lane. Has seen an increase in diversity in Trumbull since 8 years ago. She started a Facebook group for black moms in Trumbull. Ms. Flemming suggests building affinity groups at town level. Would like to see increased diversity of teachers in town. Suggests Committee does a listening tour to hear about people's experiences in town.

Jessica Pressly, 8 Stonehouse Rd. Is interested in sharing experience with regards to trans children in public school system and help with inclusivity in Trumbull.

Matt Bracksieck. A group of Trumbull teachers asked superintendent to form a committee to diversify faculty, curriculum, discipline policy. Mr. Bracksieck would like Committee's support in this effort. Working with ADL to become "no place for hate" school. Trying to start a club focused on social justice issues which includes all town stakeholders.

Cindee Burns, 14 Aragon Drive. Asked via Chat: Has there been discussion about ways to attract a more diverse group of small business owners in Trumbull's commercial areas?

Scott Ker, 12 Lindbrooke Rd. Member of Trumbull Board of Ed. Encourages committee leaders to push anti-racism. Stated appreciation for committee's work.

Gabby Tropp, 27 Salem Rd. Would like committee to provide a way for students to contribute to public forums.

Mr. Tropp thanked everyone for participating.

Ms. Wagner went over the Committee's stakeholder interview process that is in progress.

Ms. Figueroa thanked everyone and said Committee will look at ideas and see how we can take action.

Ms. Pressly talked about CEIO. Cocreating Affective and Inclusive Organization, an organization that works with schools on bias.

Moved by Mr. Tropp, seconded by Mr. Wisneski to adjourn the public hearing at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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