

District Diversity Committee

Minutes

1/19/16

Members Present: Barbara Clinton, Mary Guirma, Debra Hogencamp, Ayesha Ibrahim, Edgar Rodriguez, Kara Seim, Linda Welles

Agenda:

1. Review of the minutes
2. Announcements
3. Building–Level Diversity Cadre Reports
4. Other

Item 1: Review of minutes

The minutes were reviewed.

Item 2: Announcements

Barbara Clinton reported that Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs, has invited the Department of Justice to present its Spirit Program to the High School on February 17th and 18th. Ms. Martoni learned of the program at an Ulster County Assistant Superintendents Meeting and feels it will be of benefit to our district. This program provides students with an opportunity for dialogue in regard to the issues they face, and provides them with a framework for solving problems.

Linda Welles reported that SUNY New Paltz holds regular conversations about race for faculty and students. This is open to the public. Meetings are held in Old Main. Those who are interested can contact the University for dates and times. Linda also referenced the keynote speaker from the Multicultural conference at SUNY New Paltz, Crystal Lauren, who wrote a book, *Being Bad...My Little Brother and the Criminal Justice System*. She will also bring the teaching curriculum for *The New Jim Crow* to the next meeting.

Edgar Rodriguez recommended the PBS documentaries, *American Denial*, and *A Little White Lie*.

Item 3: Building Level Diversity Cadre Reports

This was postponed to next meeting.

Item 4: Other

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The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in the Duzine Library at 4:00pm.

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