

Town of Hartford Committee on Racial Equity & Inclusion
Wednesday, January 16th, 2019
7pm to 8:30pm

7pm – 7:05 Welcome, Agenda Review, Attendance:

In room: John, Michelle, Peggy, Sara

On phone: Jamison, Allene

7:05 – 7:15 Review Minutes

Review and pass minutes from the previous meeting (amendments on google doc).

Revisions were read aloud. Allene made motion to pass revised minutes. Jamison seconded. Passed unanimously

7:15– 7:40 Re: Mission Statement III - Experiences,

Reading from Farming While Black, In support of event organized by CROH

Discussion: There is a community garden at Ratcliff Park; WRS (elementary) has garden opportunities. The challenge is committed volunteers and a full time person. Connection with the AG program for seed starts; Not necessarily a focus of our committee but we will be supporting this event.

7:40 - 7:50 Updates: Open discussion and sharing

- School Board Updates - No real movement on trainings at the schools.
- MLK Events at Dartmouth - <https://www.dartmouth.edu/~mlk/events/index.html>
- Michelle and Peggy went to the Active Bystander training this weekend at the library; put on by SURJ
- Attended an event around student created courses. Self directed learning - two exhibits around German history in WWII. Fascination with WWII could be via a video game. Looking at it from that angle. We should be addressing missing context for the chosen projects. How does this come back to us? It's the people - who are the people pushing the types of interactions with students we want? Via PTAs? Parents?
- Is it an option for community members to mentor?

7:50 – 8:00 Interview Process

Review and amend committee interview criteria/questions

Send any suggestions directly to John. Will review at next meeting.

8:00 – 8:35 Next Steps & Closing Statements

Discussed the open class format at HHS in more depth - how it works and what it was like. How many people of color were presenting and viewing the presentations? Number of students and families of color?

School board voted to add Spanish to the elementary schools (3rd - 5th grade)

Next Meeting is Feb 6

Sara made motion to adjourn. Michelle seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:37pm

Submitted by John Hall

