

Hartford Committee On Racial Equity and Inequality

Meeting Minutes

11/07/18, 7:00 PM

In attendance: Michelle Boleski, Allene Sweinckowski, John Hall (Chair), Ann Raynolds, Sara Campbell (Vice Chair), Peggy Richardson (community member)

John called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Ann moved to pass minutes from 10/16/2018, Michelle seconded. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Ann, Allene, and Michelle gave an Education Sub Committee report - [link](#)

We discussed H.794 (now S.257; [update](#)) - [link](#)

Allene read Ends Policies of Hartford School District - [link](#)

We reviewed curriculum overview for Hartford School District - <http://www.hsdvt.com/uploads/Curriculum/Hartford%20PBLO%20Poster.pdf>

We discussed the Global Citizenship PBLOs for all grade levels <http://www.hsdvt.com/pblo-globalcit>

We discussed how racism specifically is treated when it arises in disciplinary situations. Response to incidents of racism is currently part of the anti-bullying program. Is this serving the POC community? Host a parent round table with administration. How do we set this up?

Presentation for parents - organization John mentioned Vermont Coalition for Ethnic and Social Equity in Schools - <http://ethnicstudiesvt.org/>

Michelle recommended that the committee connect with Martha Allen (Vermont NEA - movie/bullying)

Sara moves we accept the subcommittee report and have them move course of action. Allene seconds. Passed unanimously.

Sara gave an update on the Climbing PoeTree performance - 183 tickets were sold and the concert was able to raise funds to benefit three organizations. The venue and the acts were excellent and there is clearly a desire for this type of engagement in the community. - [link](#)

Discussion about how to apply for grants. Can we apply for them? Do we need to have an RFP first?

Sara made a motion to make a formal request to both boards for an update on their training RFP process. Allene seconded. Passed unanimously passed. John will reach out.

Sara updated the status of the resource database and should have a link for the group before the next meeting.

Michelle reported out on the Rally for Racial Equity conference in Brattleboro:
Grant opportunities - Byrne Foundation, CEC, Vermont Learning for the Future, Ben Freeman Bay, and Paul Foundation, Vermont partnership for fairness and diversity.

Sara mentioned Equity Solutions as a strategic planning resource - [link](#)

Ann shared article on state racial equity panel - [link](#)

Suggestions for next meeting:

- Mission Statement
- Discuss new member application
- Next meetings will be held November 21st, December 5th, and December 19th

Sara moved to close, Allene seconded

Submitted,
John Hall, Committee Chair