MCCPTA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

Chairs: Yvonne VanLowe, Carla Morris, Idara Umoh

Monthly Report: November 2021

Date: December 6, 2021

Meetings:

1. The DEI Committee met on 11/4/2021 and 11/18/2021
2. MCPS OTLS/SFSE (Office of Teaching Learning and Schools/Student and Family Support and Engagement - MCCPTA Meeting on 11/16/2021
3. MCCPTA Delegate Assembly – 10/26/2021
4. Anti-racist audit advisory committee

Activities:

1. DEI Committee is seeking DEI reps from each cluster and/or PTA to attend a monthly DEI meeting to share DEI concerns and learn from each other
2. DEI Committee is finalizing a roles and responsibilities document for the DEI reps
3. DEI Committee is discussing DEI training opportunities for the 2021-2022 school year as well as other focus activities (engaging student action groups and student led organizations)
4. Restorative justice subgroup is working on a brochure about restorative justice and coordinating a presentation to the DA regarding RJ work
5. DEI Committee working on website content
6. DEI Committee discussing potential opportunity to engage with Seek Common Group related to restorative justice initiatives
7. The RJ subgroup met with Shauna-Kay Jorandby, Director Student Engagement, Behavioral Health and Academics to better understand MCPS’ work related to restorative justice and how the DEI committee can support and amplify.
8. Shauna-Kay Jorandby was to join Nov Delegates Assembly meeting to provide a brief update on the MCPS restorative justice work. Will reschedule for January 2022.
9. DEI committee drafted a letter for MCCPTA to send to the BOE, MCPS superintendent and the County Council requesting a meeting to understand the status of the community engagement officers and allocation of the funding for the former SRO program. Letter sent by MCCPTA.
10. Meeting with the new ombudsman, Ryvell Fitzpatrick, to learn of his background, objectives and work to date.