

Reports

Chariho Regional School District**Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting – Minutes of June 2, 2021****Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Members Present: (Quorum = 6) Maija Hill, Dan Fitzgerald, Joseph Lopes, endawnis Spears, Thawn Harris, Carla Harris, Katie Kirakosian, Heidi Gonzalez-Fee, Darthula Mathews and Joe Reddish.

- I. **Call to Order** – Maija Hill called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
- II. **Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2021** – Motion to approve the May 18, 2021 minutes by Dan Fitzgerald and seconded by Katie Kirakosian. Vote – Aye – Unanimous
- III. **Appointment of Clerk to Take Minutes** – Joe Lopes volunteered to take notes as the new Clerk.
- IV. **Discussion of Feedback from the School Committee** – Dan Fitzgerald provided an overview of the School Committee's implementation of the revised Graduation Dress Policy at its last meeting. Noted the revised policy may still be discussed further by the Practices Subcommittee as the policy moves forward. It also was clarified that a procedural manual that covers all practices and procedures of the graduation ceremony will be developed, which will be reviewed by the Task Force. Lisa Macaruso also reminded members that the School Committee recommended the glossary list of terms and definitions be uploaded on the district's website after it is adopted by the School Committee. The glossary list will be presented to the School Committee at its June 22nd meeting.
- V. **Presentation of the Curriculum Subcommittee** – In its update, the Subcommittee outlined the 3 recommendations it is proposing to the School Committee:
 - the crafting of a statement pledging the district's commitment to an anti-racism curriculum and for this statement to be displayed on the front page of the District's web page
 - that RIDE's gap assessment tool be reviewed by the District
 - and the creation of a resource center for teachers at all grade levels in the district, in addition to including a history of South County in the curriculum and that members of the Anti-Racism Task Force serve on the District curriculum team

Superintendent Gina Picard clarified that RIDE will be issuing a Racial Equity Toolkit to provide all districts in the state with further guidance.
- VI. **Updates of the Practices and Policies Subcommittees** – Motion was made by Joe Reddish to table the updates until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Carla Harris. Vote – Aye – unanimous.
- VII. **School Committee Liaison Report** – Lisa Macaruso provided an update on the Diversity Book Club. Noted that calls from the community have asked that the Book Club be disbanded. However, the Book Club has persisted and plans to continue next year. Nicole Weeks confirmed that author Cynthia Leitich Smith will be the guest speaker of the

Diversity Book Club's meeting in October. Discussion also pointed out that NPR contributed a news story centering on the work being done by the Task Force. Lastly, Ms. Macaruso listed the highlights and accomplishments of the Task Force in its first year of existence with discussion ensuing. Next steps for tasks this summer included consideration to work on the Task Force's web page.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None were made.

IX. Next Meeting Date – To be determined

X. Possible Future Agenda Items – Updates from the Practices, Policy and Curriculum Subcommittees

XI. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn at 8:57 PM made by Joe Reddish and seconded by Carla Harris. Vote – Aye – Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Lopes

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To: Gina Picard
From: Ned Draper
Subject: District Yard Sale
Date: June 16, 2021

The Chariho Regional School District will conduct a Surplus Sale, for district-wide government agencies and non-profits at Ashaway Elementary, Chariho Regional High School, Chariho Regional Middle School, Chariho Career & Tech, Hope Valley Elementary, Maintenance/Technology Building, and Richmond Elementary from 8:00 AM through 9:00 AM, Monday, June 28, 2021. Any representative from a local government agency or non-profit may take free of charge any item so desired for use within their "agency".

The surplus sale will continue from 9:00 AM through 10:00 AM for all other individuals. This sale is for the purchase of surplus items.

A list of surplus classroom materials and equipment for sale is available at the Office of the Director of Administration, 455A Switch Road, Wood River Junction, RI or the Chariho Regional School District Website <https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/> in the Headlines section.