

Minutes

Multicultural Advisory Council of the Bainbridge Island School District

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2019

Present: Karen Vargas and Katy Curtis (co-chairs), Kathy McGowan and Joyce Nishamura (co-vice chairs), Marsha Cutting (co-recorder), members Chasity Malatesta, Erin Phillips, Kristine Jimenez, Eileen Okada, Amy Nakata, Sheila Jakubik, Brandi Bispham, Allison McDonald, Maggie Hitchcock, Sheryl Belt, Emily Eigen, Brenda Fantroy Johnson, and Carrie Holloway, and guest Antoinette DeWalt.

Karen Vargas called the meeting to order at 4:40, and the agenda was accepted with the addition of Kathy McGowan's request for assistance distributing the flyers for the upcoming Salon Night.

Emily Eigen and the other members of the high school Equity Team reported on their work, beginning with an equity audit done by Amanda Ward, BHS Associate Principal and Emily. Sean Eaton, BISD CTE Director, offered information on internships of varying lengths and career speakers. The Equity Team plans to show a documentary and is discussing the book Everyday Racism. The team, which also includes Kristen Haizlip, BHS Principal, is gathering information through focus groups and from individuals through a bilingual set of posters. They also are preparing students in Thursday advisory groups for Erin Jones' talk at the upcoming Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Assembly.

In discussing the MLK and Dr. Frank Kitamoto awards, MAC decided to invite the winners to the February MAC meeting. JD Sweet and Sharon Chang have not yet been scheduled; it was suggested that it might be best to schedule Ms. Chang after one or two of the multicultural potlucks.

The district's update on opportunity gap numbers was postponed until the March meeting to allow for an hour-long discussion. The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Joyce Nishamura reported on the overwhelmingly successful Mochi Tsuki celebration at Woodward School, and it was announced that a celebration of Kay Sakai Nakao's 100th birthday may be combined with the celebration of the anniversary of the opening of Sakai Middle School. Salmon Release day at the school is scheduled for the Friday before spring break.

MAC members signed up to work on the upcoming Salon Nights, Multicultural Potlucks, the Culture Celebration, and the Teacher Grants.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Cutting, Co-recorder