

BISD Multicultural Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, Filipino American Hall

The meeting convened at 4:35. The first item on the agenda after greetings and introductions was the discussion of Culture Fair. Mike Florian presented a brief statement outlining the reasons that a change is needed, primarily a lack of time in the curriculum due to the inclusion of Washington State History in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies curriculum. He noted that the K-12 social studies curriculum is under review and finding a place for the culture fair will be part of this review. He suggested that a different sort of cultural event is needed for a year or two while the curriculum review is in process.

After some discussion of not having a culture fair this year while a committee works to plan for next year (possibly with the teachers working on the curriculum revision), it was decided to do a culture fair this year as a gallery night, while a committee works to plan a more extensive event for next year. The gallery night could include inviting families to bring stuff from past culture fairs, and involving the PTOs in letting people know about it. Katy Curtis, who was added to the Gallery Night committee for this event, proposed that it be called "Culture Fair, Culture Share." The possibility that community members could be invited to share items reflecting their cultural history also was discussed.

Steve Soltar asked if MAC could get ongoing reports as the new Social Studie curriculum is being developed, which led to a discussion of how to support the teachers having time to report, both in their schools and at MAC.

Kathy McGowan announced that the film maker will be present for the showing of The Color of Fear on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 in the LGI (Theater) at BHS. In March, the Salon Night will feature The Road to Nichelville, a film on homelessness, at the Bainbridge Library.

Committee members also discussed plans for the Martin Luther King assembly, the Frank Kitamoto Award, and the Ed Roberts Day party. Marsha Cutting shared information on the upcoming Race and Pedagogy conference at the University of Puget Sound, and Kathy McGowan announced that during March, Sakai Middle School will be collecting shoes for redistribution and recycling.

Marsha Cutting, Co-recorder/treasurer