

24. Re: DEI Committee Work


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Sent Date: 2022-07-06T21:35:06.000Z
Subject: Re: DEI Committee Work
Attachment:

—Good evening Thank you both! I appreciate the support you have given and I look forward to continuing our work together in support of our phenomenal district. Have a great rest of your week and weekends.

On Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 2:05 PM Craig Heath <heath@mentorschools.org> wrote:

Brandon,

Mr. Porter and I spoke regarding the request for a statement and we felt like it made sense for us to provide a joint statement since we are in a period of transition this summer. Here is what we can share with you currently:

 Mentor Schools has been committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work since at least the early 2000's and will continue to pursue strategic goals as we move forward. This is essential in order to ensure that each student feels safe while attending our schools. It's also important that each student is prepared to live, work, and compete in a global society after leaving Mentor Schools.

Mr. William Porter, Outgoing Superintendent
Mr. Craig Heath, Incoming Superintendent

Thank you for your understanding as we continue our transition work through the month of July here in Mentor Schools. I look forward to our next DEI meeting for the 2022-23 school year.

Sincerely,


Craig M. Heath Mentor Schools - Adapting, Balancing, Collaborating

On Fri, Jul 1, 2022 at 8:00 AM BM Towns <drbmtowns@gmail.com> wrote:


Good morning, Thank you for responding, I sincerely appreciate it. And unfortunate as it is that neither you nor Mr. Porter will be present, I would like to ask for a statement that we can read at the start of the event in your absence. Is that something you can put together for the event?

On Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 8:11 PM Craig Heath <heath@mentorschools.org> wrote:

Brandon,

 Mr. Porter called me yesterday to let me know about the conversation you had regarding the racial justice week activities on July 11th. He shared your desire to have one of us sit on a panel to discuss the issues of racial justice in education.

Unfortunately, while I will be in the district doing some transition work during the day on July 11th, I am going to be busy right after work through the evening hours working with my realtor and my family on house related matters. I know that will mean that we do not have a representative from the district available that evening, but I will definitely get caught up with the content of the event as soon as I can during the month of August when I officially start my new role in Mentor.

 As I mentioned when we spoke a couple of weeks ago, I am very interested in the work the DEI Team is undertaking in the community. I have led that work here in Delaware over the last couple of years and hope to learn as much as I can about the goals of the group in hopes of participating in future activities during the coming school year.

I look forward to seeing you again here soon!

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