



**Diversity Committee Minutes
December 14, 2016
Park Campus Media Center**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephanie Diaz – District Staff
Mary Edly-Allen – District Staff
Paul Louis – District Staff
Stephen Mack – District Parent
Helena Abushamaa - District Parent
Denisa Kerekes - District Staff
Alethea Pascascio-Gordon – District Parent
Sharon Rosenthal – District Parent
David Northern – Board Member
Laura Golden – District Staff
Matthew Melamed – District Staff
Ellen Correll - Superintendent
Lourie Boyd – Recorder of Minutes

1. Superintendent Correll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance took place immediately following.
2. Superintendent Correll requested a motion for the approval of the December 14, 2016 Diversity Committee Agenda. Motioned by David Northern, seconded by Stephanie Diaz. **Aye:** All members present. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**
3. Public Comment – none.
4. Action Item: Recommendation for Approval of the November 9, 2016 Diversity Committee Minutes. Motioned by Stephen Mack, seconded by Laura Golden. **Aye:** All members present. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

5. New Business

The members had a brief discussion regarding proposed dates for future meetings. The consensus of the committee is for the meeting date to continue on Wednesday nights at Park Campus, possibly on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Superintendent Correll will review the calendar and contact the committee with proposed dates. The meeting was turned over to Paul Louis and Laura Golden.

Paul and Laura wanted the committee to discuss the status of diversity in D46 and shared a list of ideas to consider. He explained that he wanted the committee to break up in small groups of four so they could talk about and list the current reality and where we want to be with regards to diversity in D46.

Once the groups came back together, a representative from each group briefly shared with the committee as a whole. The committee discussed how their individual group discussions went, how the discussions made them feel and were asked to express their feelings.

Stephen asked if there were any resources that could be used to legitimately recite academics. Paul charged this research to Stephen and Laura.

Paul asked to go around the group and for everyone to share a "last word".

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.