

Town of Hartford Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

6 pm – 7:30 pm

In attendance: Allene Swienkowski (she/her), Joe Major (he/him), Sara Campbell (she/her), Ann Raynolds (she/her), Giavanna Munafo (she/her), Russ North, Nancy Russell

6:02 PM Call to Order

Approve Minutes from May 5, 2021

- Motion to approve amended minutes from 4/21/21 and minutes from 5/5/21: Ann
- Seconded: Nancy
- Passed, unanimously

6:04 PM Acknowledge and Welcome Community Members

- Amelia Donahey, Rebecca Whitney, Kim Souza, Brigid Ambrust, Molly Ambrust

6:05 PM Welcome OQS Family Equity Team/Presentation

- Equity Team at Ottaquechee School (10 family members that have been meeting since November) planning a program in response to family interest in 5th graders entering middle school with more anti-bias and harassment skills
- Amelia Donahey and Rebecca Whitney presented upstander program draft for feedback on scenarios activity
- Rich discussion; feedback provided to engender positive impact

6:45 PM Juneteenth 2021

- Presentations/performances schedule close to firm
- A DJ will spin tunes throughout (aside from during presentations/performances)
- Begin with a land acknowledgement
- Key question for the day: What does community mean to you today? What do you hope community will look like in your lifetime?
- Promotion: posters to be designed and posted widely, email invitations to leaders etc.; post to listserves 2 wks out; press release tbd
- Volunteers needed

7:21 PM New Business

- None

7:21 PM Adjournment

- Joe moves to adjourn