Report: DEI **Task Force Summer 2022**



DEI Task Force Team



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Process

- 3 planning meetings 3+ hours
- DEI Group Agreements
- 3 Zoom meetings, 6 hours all together
- Whole group definition work
- 3 Sub-groups' work & homework
- Full faculty presentation at July Retreat



Definitions & Scope:

- Define "diversity", "equity", "inclusion" and other key terms to clarify what they mean in our school context keeping in mind **(#1)**...
- Expanding the school's diversity, equity and inclusion scope to include work across a range of differences - learning abilities, gender (including non-binary), cultural, etc. - and not just race and class (#3).



Accomplishments

- Draft definitions for D, E, & I
- It's really messy and difficult work.
- Solidifying these definitions is a necessary prerequisite to affecting continuing other recommendations.



Adult Learning:

- Provide space for consistent, coordinated DEI learning experiences for all employees (#11) while...
- Developing a comprehensive framework of tools, resources, policies and community agreements [edit: adult-focused first] that collectively work to create an environment where conflicts can be effectively mediated, and cultural insensitivities can be appropriately addressed (#9).



What we did...



- Reviewed & discussed what DEI work happens currently with adults and the kids at each campus.
- Brainstormed ideas for adult learning content and process
- Discussed how to effectively implement DEI adult learning... from staff to board to caregivers.
- Built recommendations that will effectively allow adult learning to roll out.

Recommendations:



 Develop a group of ANCS staff/faculty/caregivers/students to serve as an advisory board to the DEI co-directors

- Take feedback from staff survey to develop ongoing adult learning in DEI space.
- PTCA and DEAT are merging. Get caregiver and board feedback for adult learning for the community.

Student-centered Syllabus for K-8:

- Develop a diversity, equity and inclusion syllabus for each grade level, outlining lessons and teaching strategies that follow the K-8 progression (#5), keeping in mind...
- The school's student-centered approach to diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives (#4).



What we did:



- Researched existing DEI resources
- Adopted and revised the Learning for Justice Standards
- Drafted a scope and sequence of the standards and grade level progression

Recommendations:

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Establish an advisory council of interested stakeholders to support finalizing the curriculum

PILOT PROGRAM

Launch a pilot program in the Spring 23 for teachers to implement draft DEI lessons and offer feedback

PARENT INPUT

Establish a regular platform for parents to give feedback to the Coordinators and Council.

PROGRAMMING

Create a programming calendar to include school events for cultural celebrations and events targeting DEI principles

ONGOING COLLABORATION

Programming calendar should include ongoing opportunities for volunteerism



Reflections



<u>Glows</u>

- Lots of passion at ANCS people care throughout the school about DEI work
- Relationships across difference nourished (Ayoka & Lindy)
- We got started and we have a some drafts to share.

<u>Grows</u>

- Meetings in person
- 4+ meetings
- Smaller coalition of most committed colleagues to get productive work done
- Involvement of many voices for feedback and/or reviewers
- Clarified roles and expectations