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## Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

### Minutes

#### Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting

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##### Date and Time

Wednesday October 2, 2024 at 8:15 AM

##### Location

Join Zoom Meeting

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##### Committee Members Present

D. Tijerina, E. Alvarez

##### Committee Members Absent

D. Palmer

##### Guests Present

N. Zagorski

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Tijerina called a meeting of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee of Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy to order on Wednesday Oct 2, 2024 at 8:25 AM.

- Discussed a program around having parents participate in sharing about a Holiday they celebrate in their family to a class, without it being their respective child's class.
- DEI through the PTO to send an email to parents inviting participation by having them sign up
- Noelle to talk to PTO President (Mel) to discuss idea and how to best execute (Noelle)
- Talk to teachers to see what they would need — Zoelle to talk w teachers and get back to us
- We will need a Google form - to have parents sign up to a holiday and day to be matched with a grade.

## **II. DEI**

### **A. Collaborate with the PTO and support community events**

- Enrique and Dany will each review 3 faiths and their respective calendars from the holiday calendar holidays and research any fasting / prayer involved /
- Dany will then provide such notes to the PTO and Zoelle to adjust as necessary
- FYI - this is what we made

### **B. Annual review of the holiday calendar and school calendar to identify conflicts and make recommendations**

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### **C. Develop a process to review new novels and library additions**

- This Form was created by Ms. Noelle for teachers to fill in to add a book into the literature to ensure the book assignment is not otherwise against DEI school mission.
- Training to teachers was discussed as an idea
- It was agreed that the form will be only require for purchases of novel sets

- An approval process was agreed upon for when an approval book form is submitted by a teacher
  - Process to Approve a Book Set once the Form is submitted
    - If Zoelle and Karen agree - then no board escalation
    - If they dont agree - then consult with Lori Chicano.
    - If we need a tie breaker - needs to take to the Board for approval

### **III. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Tijerina

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#### **Documents used during the meeting**

*None*

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Next meeting: Friday, November 17, 2023 @ 8:15 am.