

Indigenous People's Day Celebration Committee

Tuesday, April 2 2019

4:25-5:15 PM

Public Health Building, Small Conference Room

Minutes

Committee members present: Raquel Halsey, Vishni Samaraweera, Kea van der Ziel, Caitlin Starr

Public: Larry Onie, Arthur Conquest, Bruce Wolff, Gloria Colon (NAICOB), Duane Fennessy (NAICOB)

Meeting called to order 4:25 PM

1. Minutes of 3/5 approved.
2. Further brainstorming of events for IPD weekend:
 - a. Raquel to pursue possible live performance. She thinks it might cost \$800-1500. O-DICR budget has set aside \$1000 for event, which needs to include posters and their design
 - b. Coolidge Corner School has been reserved for afternoon of Monday, 10/14, cost \$16. Food is OK at this location as long as vendor is licensed. Raquel knows licensed vendor, Mia Johnson of Harm Free Eats. O-DICR has AV equipment.
 - c. Caitlin to write article for TAB and get event on their calendar.
 - d. Kea spoke to Raul Fernandez about Wide Lens and he is interested in working with us on possible movie for his series that would highlight Indigenous issues.
 - e. Vishni spoke with Malcolm Cawthorne, coordinator of Race Reels at BHS. He will show an appropriate film at BHS.
 - f. Brookline Village Library has displays set up by O-DICR throughout the year: May is Asian American/Pacific Islander; June is LGBTQ; October is Indigenous People. O-DICR collects items for display which are later returned to the owner.
 - g. Raquel is in touch with Brookline Booksmith asking for their participation.
3. School IPD Guide/School Department Training for teachers:
 - a. MLK Committee also wants to know how sovereignty and race are being taught in grades K-8. Possibility of arranging meeting of both groups with someone from School Dept to discuss.
 - b. Vishni is doing a workshop on 4/3 at 2 PM at Pierce School regarding the curriculum related to the SAIR (Students Against Institutional Racism) Handbook created by students regarding the marginalized populations with discussion sessions. Vishni to get students to speak to us about their work.
 - c. ? of training given to teachers – different every year, past year was training on implicit bias.

4. Membership updates:
 - a. Kea has emailed members of Select Board without response, although she has not been able to check all emails. No interviews had been arranged at time of this meeting.
 - b. Caitlin is in touch with Marji Lalli at the Select Board office to get interviews on the Select Board calendar.
5. New Business:
 - a. Kea has filed a warrant article in support of state legislation to create a commission to look at the state seal and motto. NAICOB and other groups representing Indigenous populations are supportive of this and other related pieces of legislation.
 - b. It was discovered that Indigenous People's Day is not on the Town calendar. It is on the School calendar. Caitlin will address this with Kevin Stokes of IT, who is responsible for updating the calendar.
6. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 7 at 4 PM at Health Department, Caitlin to arrange room.
7. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM