

Indigenous Peoples Celebration Committee Meeting (IPCC) meeting - 4/28/23

Members In attendance: Kailey Bennett, Shana Penna, Paul McLean, Felina Silver Robinson, Katherine Florio

Public: David Brick

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR Staff)

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from 3/21/23 - approved

2. Feedback/Discussion of There There Book Club -

- a. Paul (and the rest of the committee) commends Kailey for all of her work and says that it seems to be a really great program appreciated by all.
- b. Next book: Notable Native People; a lighter book for summer. Contextualizes native history and focuses on contemporary native movers and shakers. Felina agrees that book would be interesting for summer. Everyone thinks it would be good to learn more about modern native people and what they did.
- c. Book Club Date: Jul 23, 2023 at 4 PM
- d. Kailey will work on the flyer for the event and send to Caitlin when ready.

3. New Business or Updates:

- a. Tommy Orange Event: Kailey says the event was a huge success, 250 people in attendance and it was the largest event at the museum since the pandemic started. A huge win for native programming at Harvard. The video will be posted and Kailey will watch and share. The Susan Soloman gave the intro and her land acknowledgement was all encompassing. Shana mentioned never attending an event with so many native people and how powerful it was. Two book club members, Kea van der Ziel and Patricia Connors were in attendance..
- b. Heath Name Meeting: Felina and Paul reported that the kids were great, they were not shy and were really moved about the IPCC work, Kailey was in agreement. Felina further reported that the name they chose references the street. The students were very influential on the renaming. The kids did experience push back from the community but were able to persevere. Paul was impressed with the

principal and the work of the kids, he thinks we should explore ways to work with the kids. Felina would love some curriculum changes and to see if we can contribute to the changes to ensure they understand the history in a progressive way. The kids asked the group which of the four final names they would choose.

- c. Caitlin invited people to the AAPI event, she mentioned that it's the first and has a lot of food and events for families.
- d. A member of the public attended. Really enjoyed the meeting and is interesting in both the book club and the recording. Would like to get more involved.
- e. Shana suggests bringing Paul's Foot Prints Tour (<https://firstparishinbrookline.org/footprints/>) to the school's in the fall. He discussed how the event has changed a bit, and discusses how Brookline's Susanna Backus is likely a descendant of Monequassen a native leader in the 1600's.

Next Meeting

May 18 at 11:30

- Paul suggests bringing suggestions for the book club fall.
- Felina suggested that we attend a pow wow. Kailey mentions the Pow Wow September 30th at the Track Field.
- Katherine wondered about term limits; Caitlin will confirm how it works.