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Honeoye Falls – Lima Central School District Diversity Committee

Tuesday, March 16, 2009
7:00 PM
Room 116 High School

Minutes

Attendees: Phil Burrows, James Goodwin (student rep), Michelle Kavanaugh, Jeanine Lupisella, Mary McNamara, David Roth, Chris Shashaty, Lori Talbot, Melinda Tompkins, Hoa Tran, Amelia Vogt (student rep)

Welcome:

Phil Burrows welcomed the new student representatives and teacher members to the committee.

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Kavanaugh provided a number of program and event highlights:
 - The number of students eligible for free or reduced lunch has doubled this year. A rescue fund has been established to eliminate debt owed to food service.
 - The number of harassment complaints filed in the District has decreased significantly in the last year. This includes staff harassment reports and student bullying reports.
 - There is a clear increase in students being "other" focused. They are increasingly interested in volunteerism and support of community issues

Event / Program Update

- Phil Burrows, Mary McNamara, and Jeanine Lupisella shared the following:
 - The District will host *Learn to Keep Up With Your "Tech Savvy Child"* at a Healthy Rites of Passage Event on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria. The event is designed to help families become more skilled at educating "tech savvy" children about the potential dangers associated with electronic communications.
 - Elementary LOTE Update – This is the second year that Spanish is being taught at the primary level. Students in kindergarten and 1st grade receive instruction in Spanish. Last year, the LOTE Study Group recommended that the District expand the instruction from kindergarten to grade 5 for the 2009 – 10 school year. However, due to budget concerns, we will only be expanding the program to grade 2.
 - Community Reads Update – The book, Rules, was chosen as the 2009 Community Reads selection. It is a story about a middle school age girl and her autistic brother. The book has a theme about tolerance and will capture multi-generational interest. This year's events will include fundraising in support of the Special Olympics. Late in March, Jason McElwain (J Mac) will visit HFL to speak at Lima and at the High School. J Mac will also be signing his own book after the book discussion. Five Star Bank will generously

sponsor the evening book discussion. The culminating event will be held at Cougar Creations. A dance will be held from 8-10 PM in the Middle School cafeteria.

District Demographic Profile Update

- Phil Burrows shared that demographics for the District will not be updated until the upcoming census. However, he will provide an update of the District's employee profile at the May meeting.

Review of Nominations for Recognition Program

- Phil Burrows presented the staff, student, and community members that have been nominated for this year's recognition. The Committee reviewed the nominations and made recommendations. The names will be forward to the Board of Education. Each recipient will receive a letter and placard from the Board of Education. These will be presented at the May 26, 2009 Board of Education Meeting and will be announced at the staff's opening day of school assembly in August 2009.

Suggested Topics for BOE Presentation on May 26, 2009

- The Committee suggested that the updated Planning Guide be shared and the progress made in expanding the District's understanding of the mosaic of diversity be highlighted. In addition, the presentation should emphasize the progress that has been made since the [Diversity Task Force Report \(5/24/05\)](#).

Diversity Committee Meeting Dates 2008 -09 (7:00 PM in HS Room 116)

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Diversity Committee Update to the Board of Education

Tuesday, May 26, 2009