



DS-DEI
District Services Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
January 13, 2015, Meeting Notes

Members
Present

Co-Chairs:

Sue Rearic	X
Wendy Corbin	X

Members:

Anne Krueger*	
Chris Tarman*	
Christine Yoshioka	X
Dawn Heuft	X
John Valencia*	X
Nicole Conklin	X
Susan Glass	
Tim Corcoran*	

*District DEI Rep

1. Discussion

The committee welcomed new members, Nicole Conklin, John Valencia and Wendy Corbin. Each committee member shared their individual interest in the DEI subject matter and discussed how to make sure our efforts impact employees at District Services.

The committee decided to adopt “Inclusion” as their theme/focus for 2015 and will attempt to tie book club choices, workshops and events to the theme.

As part of the inclusion theme the committee decided to host a Brown Bag Welcome lunch each quarter to celebrate and get to know new District Services employees. The Brown Bag lunches are tentatively scheduled for February 27th, May 29th, August 28th and November 20th.

2. Martin Luther King Day

Wendy shared a draft of an email regarding Martin Luther King Day. The committee made a few adjustments to the email and will send it out this week. Wendy will update draft and send to Sue. Wendy will also create a flyer to be posted on the DS-DEI bulletin boards

3. Book Club Update

Next book club meeting is January 28th and the article being discussed is “Stop teaching tolerance in our schools” by Walter G. Meyer.

Wendy requested suggestions for books for 2015 and shared that the HR department is planning to purchase books for the club, but would like to order all of the books at the same time in order to secure better pricing.

4. Diversity Fun Friday

The Diversity Fun Friday has been scheduled for March 6, 2015. The committee discussed the theme of "food from around the world." Plans will be finalized at the February committee meeting.

5. Draft District Services Workshops Schedule

DS-DEI's goal is to host one workshop or DEI activity per quarter. The committee discussed carrying the inclusion theme through all of the 2015 workshops. The committee suggested that we combine one of our workshops with the hands-on assembly being planned in the summer.

6. Items from the floor

Meetings: Next meeting February 10, 2015, 3:00pm, District Office South (Annex)

Action Items:

Dawn – add DS-DEI link to District Services area

Wendy – update MLK email and flyer

John – Brown Bag lunch flyer

Christine – Thank you card for Karen

Committee –

- find some ice breaker questions for the brown bag lunches
- Book club suggestions/selections
- Research speakers for Inclusion theme for future workshops