

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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September 27, 2021

Present: Ken Canning, Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust (VSBIT); Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA); Amanda Garces, Human Rights Commission (HRC); Henri Sparks, Burlington School District; Bernice Garnett, Associate Professor, UVM; Dan French, Agency of Education (AOE)

AOE: Suzanne Sprague

Agenda:

1. Discussion – other like-minded groups?
2. Future Work of the Council
3. 1162 Suspensions or Expulsions of Students and Mask in schools
4. Other?

Chair Sparks called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. He said he wanted to discuss masks in schools as an agenda item. Garces asked that an agenda item be added regarding instances of racism in sports.

Discussion occurred regarding continuing the conversations on the topic of racism in schools when more Council members are in attendance, other task forces and advisory councils doing similar work, power to convene, Secretary's input on the direction of the Council, data, students feeling safe in schools including safe from racism, model policy that focuses on prevention instead of investigation and tools for students to use and to know they are not alone.

A Doodle Poll will be sent to the full council for a special meeting of the HHB Prevention Advisory Council to occur before the end of October.

The next regular meeting is below.
November 29, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.
Minutes recorded and prepared by Suzanne Sprague.