

Harassment, Hazing and Bullying Prevention Advisory Council – Building a Resource Collection Subcommittee

Location: National Life One National Life Drive, Davis 5, Room 511 Montpelier, VT 05620

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Present: Henri Sparks, Burlington Schools; Amanda Garces, Human Rights Commission; Curtiss Reed, Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity

AOE: Suzanne Sprague Others: Charity Wright, Burlington Schools

Agenda:

- 1. Intended Audience(s) for HHB resource collection
- 2. Virtual Home and ongoing maintenance
- 3. Topics to organize HHB resource collection
- 4. AOE resources? Support?

The meeting convened at 1:04 p.m.

Discussion started by defining the resources to be used, the intended audience, current available resources, how the resources are being applied, accountability for schools, schools receiving ESSER Funds required to provide assurances, state data and reporting practices, becoming a voice for the voiceless, holding virtual regional forums to hear from students and parents, collecting real-time street data, using a third-party to analyze the data, asking the Secretary of Education for funds to organize and launch the work, assigning ombudsmen for each county, getting the tools into the hands of students and families, having professionals acknowledge and understand the complaints, mandated federal and state policies and procedures, and student reengagement and social emotional learning recommendation.

Chair Sparks updated the members that he met with Secretary French who indicated that a survey will be sent in February to assess the state of schools. He said that parents of a global



majority and marginalized students need to know their rights. They should know what schools should be doing and know what hazing and harassment is and when it needs to be reported. If there is no action by the school, then parents should know that they can report it to other organizations outside of school.

It was agreed that the focus of the group would be to create a toolkit for students and parents.

The AOE will send a Doodle Poll to schedule another meeting prior to the full council meeting on January 31.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m. Minutes recorded and prepared by Suzanne Sprague.



