

## Diversity Committee Meeting – Virtual – January 8, 2024

Attendees:

Jerry Jean-Pierre  
Kristine Rosales  
Aleisha Forbes  
Danielle Sheridan  
Jeanne Kozlowsky  
Laura Brown  
Rosalia Davi  
Teri Viera  
Heather Cirola

Meeting Started at 7:03 PM

Topics:

Activities in the Schools

Danielle Sheridan spoke about the Primary School Events;

- Grades K-2 plans to create displays of Famous Heroes for Black History Month
- Grades 3-5 will have Read-Alouds; learning about “I have a Dream” and “Hopes for the World” for Black History Month
- Primary Schools hosted events including celebrating Veterans Day in the schools where they honor relatives who served our countries
- Cultural Classroom decoration took place through December around the schools; classroom decorating around a cultural theme or country

Jeanne Kozlowsky spoke about the Secondary School Events;

- Robert Frost
  - Cultural Awareness Club held celebrations with Food Tasting (Italy & Pakistan)
  - For Black History Month, plans to discuss “Ride the Freedom Train” and “Abolishing Slavery”
  - Plans to decorate the RF 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in honor of the Month
- DPHS
  - Plans to celebrate BHM all month
  - Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – Literature Collection
  - In Social Studies Classes – various projects through the month; lessons on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King
  - Guidance Department
    - Onsite college recruiting events
    - Field Trip to Historically Black Colleges

- Brentwood College Fair – February 10<sup>th</sup>
- FAFSA Parent Program
- Human Resources Dept – improving the candidate pool
  - Diversity Recruitment Fair
  - Eastern Suffolk BOCEWS Job Fair

Aleisha Forbes spoke for the Black Student Union (BSU) and their upcoming BHM Plans;

- All month long, BSU Members will be making announcements
- Plans to attend the Varsity Basketball Game for fundraising and selling new shirt
- Trip to Brentwood College Fair
- Arts and Craft Event
- Feb 29<sup>th</sup> – BSU Event
- Plans to include other groups

Other items discussed;

- Jerry mentioned that a former classmate was hosting a virtual meeting on “Creating a Diverse Candidate pool.” Meeting invite would be shared with Jeanne and Kristine who were interested in attending.
- Ideas for potential events included discussing some the major health issues in the Black community. Talk would be given by Dr. Patrick Jean-Pierre and we would coordinate the talk with our Health and Safety Committee. Date to be determined.
- No community events were shared with the group