

Venue: Google Meet

Attendees: Kristine Rosales
Jerry Jean-Pierre
Aleisha Forbes
Danielle Sheridan
Heather Cirola
Laura Brown
Teri Viera
Tara L.

Meeting Started at 7:00 PM – February 5, 2024

Discussion:

1. Updates from the Primary Schools

- Heather Cirola (JQA Teacher)
 - Teachers have been decorating their classroom and walls throughout the building in honor of Black History Month (BHM)
 - Schools are reading books from various African American authors in their class
 - Her class is focusing on story from African American Authors
 - School is getting ready to celebrate Lunar New Year on Friday
 - School is also preparing to celebrate “P.S. I LOVE YOU” Day
- Danielle Sheridan
 - Early Morning Announcement feature quotes from famous Black History figures
 - May Moore and JQA have TVs in the lobby playing Biography snippets of Famous Black figures
 - Schools have created some Read-Aloud resources for use in the classrooms
 - Schools are celebrating “Kindness Week” this week culminating in PS I LOVE Day on Friday
 - Classrooms are reading Diverse literature through the month
 - Schools have created a Digital Showcase that is being used in the classroom featuring different famous black history figures; the link can also provide direct link to audio content and other stories.

2. Updates from the Secondary Schools

- Aleisha Forbes
 - BSU have been making announcement through the month of February for BHM

- HBCU College Fair – Saturday 2/10 at Brentwood High School – several BSU students along with Ms. Forbes will attend
- BSU will be collaborating with the Cultural Awareness Club at Robert Frost to host a Black History Month Celebration on Thursday February 29th at Robert Frost Cafeteria
- Teri Viera
 - In ELA classrooms, all classes are focusing on Black History month and utilizing different way to explore Black Literature; her class will be going to the library to sample different Black literature and content on 2/9.
- Danielle Sheridan
 - Family and Consumer Classes at Robert Frost are exploring BHM content, Each year different focus. Past themes have been “Ride the Freedom Train” and “Abolishing Slavery” and sampling foods

3. Community & District Updates;

- Danielle Sheridan
 - District team (Danielle, Jeanne, and Mary) will be attending a Diversity Hiring Fair in March
- Kris
 - Upcoming event at Queens College – Cubop to Hip-Hop on Feb 10th
- Jerry
 - I attended a BSU meeting on 2/1/24 to get feedback from the students. I was so impressed by the turnout and their enthusiasm! I invited the President of the club and graduating senior, Katia Pappalier, as well as the officers to attend the next Open Board meeting on 2/27 to promote their event on 2/29
 - I’m still trying to coordinate dates for our potential discussion with Dr. Pat on Health Issues in the Black Community. I will provide dates once finalized.
 - Town of Babylon 36th Annual Black History Month Program, 2/5/24 at Amityville HS
 - SUNY Old Westbury is Hosting an exhibit for Melosa Basquiet from 2/7/24-3/13/24 at the Old Westbury Campus/ A reception is being held on 2/7/24 from 7-10
 - National Association of Negro Businesses and Professional Womens Club hosting Black History Month Celebration on Wednesday 2/28 at Wyandanch Middle School
 - Deer Park Drug Prevention, Concerned Citizens of Wyandanch, Dix Hills, and Wheatley Heights are hosting “Sayin it Loud” honoring local leaders on Tuesday 2/6 at Brumidi Lodge in Deer Park.
- Tara L
 - Thanks the Deer Park School District for our efforts to improve DEI and to make efforts to improve our community and our schools

4. Next Meeting wil be scheduled for Monday March 11th at 7:00 PM

