

Skinner North Diverse Needs Committee Meeting - June 2, 2022, 9:15 am

1. Thank you Danielle!
2. LSC sub-committee, to deliver report: Wed June 8, 2022, 3:45pm, Nootan can attend
3. 2022-23 Committee Leadership
 - a. Meetings next year
 - i. may need the care room still
 - ii. Other options for spaces, discuss with Katie and Derek
 1. Cafeteria
 2. Auditorium
 3. Designated library days for classes, we could meet when students are NOT scheduled there
4. Committee recruitment for 2022-23
 - a. KG roundup
 - b. As of now, not aware of new students w/ diverse needs
5. Parent - family focused ideas for 2022-23 events
 - a. Transition to HS
 - i. Still helpful to connect, there are gaps in the information for families, should do this event
 - ii. September or October - confirm timing with JJ early in the school year
 - iii. Internal - planning for highschool transition
 1. JJ does a 7th grade meeting and an 8th grade parent meeting, approx October
 2. Could do a special section for diverse learners
 3. Should 6th be included?
 - iv. External - highschool case managers Q&A
 - v. Invite other elementary schools to attend (ex. Bronzeville Classical, or Skinner West)?
 1. Network 4 counselors - have heard concern from this group re diverse learners entering SEH next fall
 2. JJ can circulate info of the meeting, attracting Network 4 schools families, more attractive for HS case managers to attend
 3. Network 4 - there are 32 schools in Network 4
<https://www.cps.edu/schools/networks/network-4/>
 4. Case managers don't get enough information about creating the best possible IEP / 504, so the meeting is helpful for them too

- 5. Connecting with district rep for high school case managers, plant the seed re this idea for meeting and info
 - vi. How to prep now: Could plant the seed with folks we'd reach in the fall
 - b. Executive Function parent meeting
 - i. Danielle sent NB the contact info: Cortney
 - ii. Danielle's curriculum - a one-year curriculum, so may not repeat, but could continue the topic in classrooms in some way. Discuss further with JJ next school year
 - c. SEL ideas, in partnership with Diversity Committee
- 6. Classroom based initiatives for 2022-23
 - a. Discuss uptake, desire for content, what is already taught
 - b. Nora Project
 - i. Access is not time-limited
 - ii. teacher Professional Development time needed
 - 1. First week before school starts - best time for whole staff
 - 2. Other times of year, would need to be in small groups
 - 3. Find cost for training
 - 4. If cost works, the first week before school: "week Zero"
 - 5. Katie and Derek will have rough scaffold schedule
 - 6. Questions to ask of TNP
 - a. Whole staff, part of the staff, how long does it take
 - b. Costs
 - c. Homework, or prework
 - 7. Andy is in contact with Katy Fatelah from TNP, can loop in JJ to discuss
 - 8. Next year, parent involvement could support TNP curricula, in lieu of creating brand new decks
 - 9. In general, TNP could plug into SEL times, things are aligned in many ways.
 - c. Another parent-written deck
 - i. 2021-22 included
 - 1. Invisible Disabilities
 - 2. Autism Acceptance
 - ii. Examples for 2022-23
 - 1. Neuro Diversity
 - 2. Mental health
 - a. JJ has been working in this in upper grades, normalizing different mental health needs
 - b. May be redundant since JJ does 5 weeks, 5-8 grades, and Ms R has done for Mental Health Month

- c. Mental Health resources - could be a parent-led project
 - i. JJ and DR has list of practices, has been shared
 - ii. Parents could share Camps, programs
 - iii. Crowdsource this, ask families, could be part of survey
 - iv. <https://www.compasshealthcenter.net/>
- 7. Parent meet-ups
 - a. Summer parent meet-up OPTIONS here, is there a preference for anyone?
 - i. BH to pick from this, we can advertise
 - ii. July 22 4pm (could offer rain date, Aug 5) lemonade @ Stanton Park
 - iii. Park District Night out in the Parks:
 - 1. July 28 - Sing @ Mary Bartelme Park (West Loop, Adams and Morgan area)
 - 2. Aug 5 - Sing 2 @ Dvorak Park (Pilsen, 21st and May area)
 - b. Facebook and Google for conversations - [advertise this in next FOSN](#)
- 8. Office of Diverse Learners Support and Services (ODLSS) [Report here](#)
 - i. [Next Family Advisory Board meeting - June 9](#)
 - ii. [BH was at the the transition to college zoom, but meeting was hacked!](#)
 - iii. [Is there a resource for mental health for students, OUTSIDE of school?](#)
 - b. To make ODLSS shares more visible, possible move to share in Facebook group
 - c. Confirm we could do a FB feed to website for updates
- 9. Resources
 - a. [Monthly meeting notes at Skinner North Diverse Needs website](#)
 - b. Nora Project curriculum
<https://thenoraproject.ngo/nora-notes-blog/disabilitystudiesnow> and [General overview](#) of two curricula that SN has purchased in 2021
 - c. [SN Library Diversity Catalog](#)
 - d. [Skyline required texts and materials list](#)
 - e. [CPS Online Library](#)
 - i. Access SN Library catalog
 - 1. [CPS online library here](#)
 - 2. In the School tab, type Skinner North
 - 3. Then click LS2 PAC
 - 4. Then type keyword / author / title to search
 - 5. You can filter on the left side
 - 6. SN Library assistant, Mahjabeen Syed
 - f. [SEL Learning Standards](#)