**Weston DEI Advisory Committee**

**April 12th, 2021**

**7:30 - 8:30pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. **Call meeting to order**
2. **Rotating Secretary Reminder**

* 1. Gillann Blunschi – 4/12/21
	2. Christie Stewart – 4/19/21
	3. Chris Razaki – 5/3/21
	4. Edilson Forero – 5/17/21
	5. Karen Pattani-Hason – 5/31/21
	6. Jasper Richardson – 6/7/21
1. **Action item Updates:**
	* Senator Haskell – April 19th 8 pm – agenda
	* Sustainable CT – Denise
	* Anti- Racism training update – Martin
	* Upcoming Principal hire
2. **New member process:**

1. **Strategic Go forward: Goal setting / Project Charter updates and timelines**
	* Identify action plans for projects/complete project charter
	* Set target dates
	* Identify Date to meet with Selectman to present updates - June
	* **Schools – Denise / Jasper**
		+ Curriculum
		+ Recruitment
		+ Youth Engagement
		+ Policy development
		+ Procurement Review
		+ Accountability
	* **Weston Policing – Gillann and Martin**
		+ Recruitment
		+ Community Policing
		+ Policy Development
		+ Training
	* **Town / Town Staff – Karen / Chris**
		+ Recruitment
		+ Leadership development
		+ Outreach and engagement
		+ Town Diversity Statement
		+ Marketing
		+ Boards and Commissions
	* **Neighbor Awareness – Gillann / Martin**
		+ Cultural Celebrations
		+ Education /Awareness
		+ Cultural Resources
		+ Newcomer Integration
		+ Website Updates
	* **Supplier Diversity – Denise Lamb**
		+ Construction
		+ Supplies
		+ Professional Services
	* **Planning and Zoning – Christie / Denise**
2. **Discuss meeting agenda with Senator Haskell on April 19th**
3. **Ongoing Reminders:**
* GOOGLE DOC IS ACCESSABLE TO THE PUBLIC!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M2f1XitDYhpTmwTv0ADpcXtYB5n1Mj5O?usp=sharing>

* Everyone - Add any resources you think would be valuable for the team
* Add agenda to drive at all times
* Add minutes to google drives no later than 7 days after meeting
* If you will not be able to attend the meeting, provide your updates prior to the meeting
* <https://vimeo.com/westonct>
* <https://vimeo.com/254890341>  - Please get familiar with the freedom of Information
1. **Review Upcoming Events / Announcements**
* George Floyd Memorial on May 24th.
1. **New business / round table**
2. **Adjourn**

**Minutes**

**Weston DEI Advisory Committee**

**March 15th, 2021**

1. **Meeting called to order by Gillann - awith quorum.**

 **Guest - Harry Galber**

* 1. Christie Stewart– absent -( Denise tool minutes swapping her 4.19 date with Chrostie
	2. Martin Mohabeer – absent
	3. Gillann Blunschi – preset
	4. Denise Massingale-Lamb – present
	5. Chris Razaki – present
	6. Edilson Forero – absent
	7. Karen Pattani-Hason – present
	8. Jasper Richardson – present
	9. Samantha Nester - presenk

**2. Action item Updates Gillann asked for individual updates:**

**Denise reported on Susutainable CT meeting with Christie. Members of Committee encouraged to sign up for their their long standing free diversity bias training.**

**Gillann reported on “act in progress” anti rascism training hosted by TEAM. and on plans of new superintendent Lisa for diversity and curriculum in Weston.**

**Jasper reported on meeting with faculty SJAG meeting re student run group. Teachers plan not based on needs/oposals of SJAG. Teachers have not responded to SJAG proposals.**

**Sam reported on FOIA meeting with town attorney reminding members of rules, discovery requirements, setting forth best practices. Commended DEI for being transparent, noticing meetings.**

**Karen Hason regretfully resigned from committee based on work Committments. Expressed support for initiatives and remains supportive of committee.**

**Sam announced Edelston’s resignation. Openings will be posted.**

3. Project Updates

 Schools - Denise expressed frustration with many moving pieces that DEI is not involved in/accessed on. Harry suggested DEI look at the curriculum,roadmap schools are contemplating. Sam reminded committee about respect for state statutes and role of BOE.

Policing - Gillann reported on interaction with Police on diversity policies.

Marketing - Chris reported on marketing committee activities.

Neighborhood Awareness - Gillann reported on plan for police/neighborhood meet and great.

Suppiier Diversirty - Denise had nothing significant to report.

Gillann noted topic/vacancies for which heads are needed.

Sam announced that Gillann is being interviewed on Shay’s Podcast.

Sen Haskell meeting with committee on April 19th.

4. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

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