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Cultural Diversity Task Force Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Conference Room
501 Kings Highway East
Fairfield, CT

MINUTES

1. Committee members in attendance: Heather Dean, Walter Donne, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly, Richard Joslin, Steve O'Connell, Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Trudi Durrell, Laura Cretella, Mimi Maniscalco and Anna Cutaia-Leonard.
2. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.
3. The committee reviewed the 2009-2010 strategies discussed at the last meeting. Walter Donne reported on his findings related to marketing screens. He will forward information about media advertising to the committee at a later date. Anna Cutaia-Leonard reported that Mrs. Bernardoni is scheduling an open house in January. A brochure highlighting special features about McKinley is being developed.
4. The committee discussed how to further encourage parents to consider opt-in options for McKinley. A list of strategies was discussed. Anna Cutaia-Leonard will develop a timeline for the execution of these strategies for the 2009-2010 school year.
5. Anna Cutaia-Leonard shared a chart of options on addressing imbalance which was also shared with the Standing Committee for Facilities, Technology and Long-Range Planning. The chart represents the work and recommendations of the Cultural Diversity Task Force over the past two years.
6. The next meeting will be held on January 6 at 7:00 p.m.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.