

BOE - Diversity Equity and Inclusion Board Advisory Committee - 9.5.24

Members Present

Wendy Connelly
Courtney Carlson
Lisa Jensen
Caroline Chaboo
Dr. Tonya Merrigan
Manal Wiedel
Clay Norkey
Jennifer Smith
Jody Mason
Alicia Anderson
Nefertari KB Pross
Kelly Peterson Miranda
Sarah Markowitz Schreiber
Scott Roberts

Minutes

Dr. Kelly Wessel opened the session with introductions for new members and returning members. She explained the purpose and goals of the committee. Dr. Tonya Merrigan, the superintendent, presented information and encouraged members to provide input through a Thought Exchange with the Community Engagement Spotlight about the district's next strategic plan 2025-30. Kristi McNerlin, Chief Communications Officer displayed the Thought Exchange with the committee to show them the application.

Dr. Wessel facilitated a conversation with the committee regarding Community Celebrations and Observances - to promote awareness and appreciation of our Blue Valley families for the first semester. After the committee reviewed the selected celebrations and observances and provided feedback, they will be shared with school administrators to be sent in school newsletters once per month.

Lastly, Dr. Wessel shared future topics and presenters for the committee this year. She requested ideas/topics from the committee members.