

Beyond Differences Finneytown

Meeting Minutes 8/17/23

Meeting began at 5:23

Present: Tony Gast, Lindsay Lee, Anthony Gilliam, Salina Bhattarai, Laurie Banks, Jen Dinan, Natombi Simpson, Anita Ruffin, Carol Miller, Meredith Baker, Grant Anderson, Dan Joyner, Eric Muchmore, Kelly Lynch, Scott Myer

1. Call to order
2. Review the purpose of the committee
 - Discussed how DE&I efforts all help create a better sense of belonging.
3. Check in- everyone introduced themselves and shared why it was important for them to be here.
4. Beyond Differences Finneytown is interested in how to help and support the district. They are currently collecting data via the survey.
5. Story Harvest- group split in two and Natombi and Dan both shared personal stories of equity and instruction, focusing on "what's strong, not on what's wrong."
6. Review and Discussion of the Committee's Next Steps- Carol raised the idea of BDF creating a directory that would provide them with partners and experts in particular areas that would be accessible district wide. Laurie invited Kelly and Scott to the first ProAction café of the new school year, and it was agreed that at least one would attend.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 6:46.