

Beyond Differences Finneytown

Quarterly School Board Report

5/15/23

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- Introductions

We have introduced ourselves to Ms. Banks, Ms. Miller and Ms. Baker via email, and other staff in person as well.

- Survey

In attempt to reach a wider range of community members and get feedback from them, we created a questionnaire that will help us identify areas for focus. It is currently being translated into Spanish and Nepali. Once we get that back we will reach out to the administration and ask them to share it with parents, students, staff and other community members. We will also be sharing it. Over the summer we will evaluate the responses and make recommendations on future action.

- World Culture Night

We had a table at World Culture Night on 5/11, and used it as a way to introduce ourselves to the community and to get contact information from those who are interested in promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in the district. We had 31 people sign up.

- Next Steps

We plan to continue to set up a table at various school events in order to make people more aware of the group and recruit other volunteers. As we look at the survey responses we will identify trends along with the perspective of our community. Those that indicate an interest in being a part of the group will be added to our contact list. We hope to build a committee that is representative of our community. It will be their voices that provide insight and guidance towards future action. By next Fall we hope to begin having regular meetings.