

TEAM Westport Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2011, 7:30 AM
Room 201
Westport Town Hall, Westport, CT

Attendees: Patricia Wei, Nick Rudd, Catherine O., Glenn Lau-Kee, Harold Bailey (Presiding), Bernicestine McLeod, Steve Daniels, Barbara Butler

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM.

New Business:

- What's Up?
 - Catherine is featured in an article in the Westport News.
 - The State Board of Education has put out a position statement on Culturally Responsive Education (authored by Bill Howe) that will be approved in May. It states that 40% of students in Connecticut will never have a teacher who is non-white. No action statement, goals or metrics appear with the statement, however.
 - Yale is in the news with regard to sexual harassment (Title IX).

Old Business:

- Programming Strategy and Game Plan
 - Our panel discussion is to be held tomorrow evening, April 6th, at the Westport Public Library (Are our kids ready for diversity at college after Westport?)
Action:
 1. We need to send a reminder for tomorrow's session.
 2. In thinking ahead, can we include this theme in an ongoing program (for example: a panel, news article, set of general initiatives to reach the general populace, op-ed piece, or a conversation using the Westport Census results as a framework?)
 - Acceptance is a hot issue. Diversity has increasing importance as kids compete to enter state schools and smaller private schools – actually, any school. It would be good to invite Bill Howe to speak since he's handling multiculturalism for the state. It would also be good to have the PTA as cosponsors.
Action: Reach out to the PTA and to Bill Howe.
- Al has been talking to several folks about membership in TEAM Westport and in Friends of TEAM Westport.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernicestine McLeod
Secretary