Ad Hoc Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2022, 6:30 pm via Webex

Webex Meeting Video – Meeting “call to order” was not recorded due to recording issue.

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DEI Members Present: Chair Ellen Scalettar (exited meeting at 7:40 pm), Co-Chair Tahera Parvez, Steven Lawrence, Sofia Morales, Mohini Ranganathan, Ke Xu, Robert Reed, David Franklin (joined meeting at 6:37 pm)

1. Chair Scalettar called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

2. Opening Circle: Sofia Morales read the beginning of the poem “A Ritual to Read to Each Other” by William Stafford. Discussion ensued.

3. Woodbridge Like Me Day 2022: Discussion was tabled to the November meeting.

4. Experience Woodbridge Survey Summary: Steven Lawrence recapped the method used to obtain survey responses noting that there was about a 22% response rate. Draft survey results were summarized; it was noted that an executive summary would be prepared. Ideas on how best to share survey results were discussed.

5. Day of Dialogue at Amity High School: A DEI Committee table was set up at the event which was a cultural fair with workshops. David, Mohini, and Tahera attended the event and shared that the DEI table had a lot of traffic as well as noted the importance of collaborating with Amity students. An invitation was extended by Amity’s Diversity in Action group for the DEI Committee to partake in a Thanksgiving event. Discussion ensued.

6. Mosaic: Woodbridge Reading in Community: The possibility of a November reading was mentioned.

7. September Minutes: Discussion was tabled to the November meeting.
8. **2023 Committee Meeting Schedule**: The committee was agreeable to continue to meet the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

9. **Volunteer for Next Opening Circle**: Steven Lawrence

10. **Other Business**: PechaKucha (a storytelling format using slides followed by commentary) was suggested as a possible future committee activity.

11. **Adjournment**: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted: **Toni Belenski**