



New Hope-Solebury School District

Inclusion, Acceptance, and No Place for Hate Ad Hoc Committee

February 21, 6:00 pm

Upper Elementary School LGI

Attendance

There were approximately 30 people in attendance. The meeting was co-facilitated by Mrs. Gormley, School Board Director and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee and Dr. Yanni, Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Gormley at 6:00PM.

The meeting minutes from the January meeting were reviewed.

Old Business

- Safe space creation and parameters were discussed as a follow-up to the last meeting.
- A follow-up discussion on the gender-neutral bathrooms was held. The bathrooms were introduced last year with some questions and unrest from students. That has since turned into acceptance.
- The group discussed the general tenor of the student body in this turbulent time. The focus continues to be on inclusion and acceptance.
- Dr. Yanni discussed the chain of command and how students can report hate speech.

New Business

- There will be increased opportunities for older students to mentor younger students to create connections and bonds between students at different levels. The purpose is to ensure greater acceptance and inclusion.
- Dr. Yanni reviewed Policy 255—Gender Expansive and Transgender Students. The policy is almost ready for board approval. There has been positive and negative reaction to the policy. The negative reactions have been changes after a conversation about the policy and its intent.
- The group discussed moving forward with a YouTube channel to promote inclusion and acceptance.

- We are working toward having MS students act as ambassadors for their peers, just as the HS students act as peer mentors.

Mrs. Gormley adjourned the meeting at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Steve Gianni
Superintendent