

Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting

June 16, 2014

1:30-3:00 PM

Board Room

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Check-in
2. Review of demographic changes and an adaptive need
3. Discussion around driving questions (work in teams)
4. Sharing
5. Schedule Next Steps/Next Meeting

Please take a few moments to reflect on these questions in whatever format you wish (sharing, writing, thinking, reflecting, drawing, etc.). I will ask each person and team to share their thinking with the entire group:

1. If you are generally new to the Island, to what extent did you feel welcomed into the Mercer Island community? Please feel free to share a story.
2. If you have been here for years or even a generation or more, how accepting is this community of your individual gifts and talents?
3. To what extent do you children feel welcomed at school?
4. In what ways does institutional racism manifest itself in this community and/or school?
5. To what extent do your children feel respect for their cultural differences?
6. To what extent does the school celebrate and recognize the gifts and talents of members from your race/ethnic background who are leaders in the world?
7. Do your children have full access to their educational opportunities afforded to all other children? If so, how? If not, why?