

## School Council Meeting 12/6/2017

In attendance:

Cheryl Maloney - interim principal

Kathy Lesanto- Special Ed. Liaison

Vanessa Jones - parent

Sarah Burns- parent

Hallie Riley- classroom teacher

Notetaker: Hallie Riley

Looked over letter from Principal of NHS Aaron Sicotte regarding racial issues at the high school

Planning for Kindness at Hillside

- Kindness tickets in the lobby and the whole school is filling the bucket
- Idea: having a wrist band with "Work Hard, Be Nice"
- Manners (please, thank you, greeting)
- Conversations at home
- Connection Clusters being a time when we can teach lessons on kindness

Race Discussion

- How comfortable is staff with discussing race?
- What can we do proactively to keep everyone safe and comfortable
- We want to be transparent
- All school assembly to discuss race (maybe students from the high school coming in to share their stories)
- Integrate into curriculum
- Festival of Cultures - can we do this during the school day?
- Diverse families
- Parent Book Club
- Small Great Things - Jodi Picoult
  - Adult fiction that addresses races

Looked at the new Hillside/NHS website

**Putting diversifying the curriculum into the School Improvement Plan**

Upcoming Meetings:  
All Wednesdays at 3:15

1/17

2/7

3/7

4/4

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