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OSBMCC General Meeting

January 11, 2020 (Sat), 9:00 PM – 12:30 PM

OSBA Conference Room, 1st Floor 1201 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

Teleconference: 800-637-5822, Room 6851733#

Attendance sign in sheets are attached.

Agenda and Notes:

(8:45) Coffee / Snacks

(9:00) Call to Order / Welcome - Bill Graupp

Bill welcomed all to the meeting and called the meeting to order.

(9:15) 2020 USA Census Discussion – Kathy Wai

Kathy Wai led the 2020 USA Census discussion. “We Count Oregon” PPT attached.

- Lot’s of information relevant to the people of color in our community.
- Can find family information via the Census collection between 1870 and
- Census has been harmful in the past – federal government has used census track data to find Japanese and Japanese Americans during WWII and gentrification in N and NE Portland.
 - Colored communities need to address these past issues and determine best path forward
 - What about the Latino community, particularly the undocumented population?
 - Trust is a huge issue
- As elected officials, how do we help to minimize the possible harm?
- There are many more categories for self-identification and can also use write-ins
- April 1is Census Day – expect buzz
- May respond online or via paper form
- Assistance available via specified agencies
- We Count Oregon will be doing door knock for communities of color (not enumerators, i.e. they do not work for the government) – could We Count Oregon collaborate with the enumerators?
- Concerns were raised about fear-based information being circulated to keep some people from being counted
- Title 13 of the US Constitution defines confidentiality and usage of census information
- Complete count is important
 - Additional member in the House of Representatives
 - \$3200 per person in federal funding
 - \$13 billion at stake
 - Need to focus on the hard to count communities
- How can we help?

- Upcoming training opportunities
- Share the information with parents and students in respective districts
- Attend available summits and regional and culturally specific trainings
- OSBA and ODE are working to get information out to school districts
- **School and ESD boards could and should get districts to help with the census count**
 - **what it means re: Free and Reduced Lunch**

Kathy Wai is a resource and will send additional information via email.

(9:45) Discussion on 2019 Convention Workshops

Caucus members presented 3 workshops at the 2019 Convention.

Each workshop encountered incidents of disparaging encounters and disruptions. Presenters and others who were present in the workshops shared observations and reflections of what happened.

What next?

- We should continue to present workshops
- Have a better way for facilitation of people's discomforts
 - City Club format for questions?
 - Hold questions until the end?
- What can we do overtime in small doses in helping all school board members to move along the spectrum of understanding and transformation of reducing white fragility and color fragility?
- Open the sessions with intentional focus of setting the tone for a positive experience
- What must we disrupt in the system?
- Keynote messaging and preparation is super helpful

Jim Green acknowledges that OSBA is working to move membership along and has received push back but they are pushing back. OSBA team will be more conscientious of who they place in the workshops that may be more controversial and work with their presidors on how to diffuse confrontations. Considering a position of Chief Equity Officer to help school districts, school board training, and assist the Caucus. Working with COSA and ODE about school board members who act inappropriately – violate the code of conduct, what can be done? Report back to superintendent and sanction from attendance.

Fellow board members are the ones who should hold their colleagues accountable.

(10:30) Planning Ideas for 2020 Annual Conference Workshops

All Caucus members to submit topics to the exec team before March 7. Leadership Council will discuss the topics at the March meeting.

Need to finalize our plans in the April meeting.

- Possible topics:
 - Training on how to make governing committee more inclusive and welcoming (i.e. change citizens curriculum to community curriculum)

- The struggles of all white school board to hire a superintendent of color – how to recruit and ensure that a person of color feel comfortable applying
- Ethnic Studies and senate bill 13 roll out – Anthony knows of a lead
 - Where is the accountability?
 - How can School Board members ensure accountability?
- Oregon voting rights act – school board can change the voting system
- Equity accountability indicators? Monitoring education equity.

(11:00) 2020/21 Budget Proposal Discussion – Bill/Anthony

Track one:

\$18,000 for 6 scholarships annually - \$3000 for each scholarship currently. Should we change it to 9 scholarships at \$2000 each?

Discussion ensued. **Conclusion: Keep the funding at \$18,000 for 6 scholarships annually.**

Track two:

10 scholarships of \$300 for small school districts for the Bend July conference – designed to get small districts that cannot afford to send members. The fund is used to cover travel and lodging. Registration is gratis through OSBA.

Bill and Anthony will be working on a budget proposal for 2020/21.

(11:15) 2019/20 Conference Attendee Scholarships Update • Advocacy Institute / NSBA / CUBE • Summer Board Conference – Small Districts • Change in Deadlines for 2020/21 Application

- 2 open scholarships for Chicago. **Deadline is Feb 14.**
- Advocacy Institute and Equity Symposium attendees – George, Miriam, and Sahar
- Application deadline will be well before the early bird application date
- Sonja will be going to NSBA on the OSBA funds as a minority delegate.

(11:20) Newsletter Discussion – Erika Lopez (Editor)

We have access to Alex to share information via OSBA. We just need to get the information to him and give him enough lead time. That may be a better venue instead a stand-alone newsletter.

Could Bill put something together about our November workshops and put a positive spin on it for the first communication?

Erika will continue to be a point person. Suggestion: take topics from each Caucus general meetings and send out content each quarter.

(11:30) Review Goals / Open Topics

- **District Shout-outs – Open floor**

Members shared highlights from respective districts and work that they are involved in.

- **Sign up for OREdNews, Legislative Highlights Weekly**

Bill reminded all to sign up for the above helpful news and announcements.

- **Check your email address on OSBMCC List**

(12:30) Adjourn

Next Caucus Meeting will be held on 4/18, Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm.

