

**Honeoye Falls – Lima Central School District
Diversity Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2007**

Members in Attendance:

Cliff Andres, High School Assistant Principal
Phil Burrows, Deputy Superintendent
Pat Graff, Administrative Intern
Mary McNamara, Secondary Coordinator for Teaching and Learning
Dick Rasmussen, President of HF-L Board of Education
Andy Rodriguez, Member of HF-L Board of Education
Christopher Shashaty, District Resident
Rosemarie Visco, District Resident
Cindy Zauski, Manor School Teacher

- Penny Menzie, Middle School Health Teacher, shared a class activity on longevity. Over eleven days, 8th grade students participated in an interactive on-line event sponsored by BlueZone. This longevity study provided students a chance to become familiar with the culture and life styles of a community of rural Costa Ricans. It also gave students an opportunity to learn about themselves and reflect upon their own lifestyle choices. Mrs. Menzie shared student writing samples as well as clips from the website. Mrs. Menzie's work exemplifies how the goals of the District's Diversity Intent are being seamlessly integrated into the instructional program.
- Phil Burrows presented the Superintendent's Update for Dr. Kavanaugh
 - The first Community Reads project was successful in encouraging a large number of families to read and discuss a children's book whose theme underscored an awareness of diversity. Local businesses were also actively involved in the project. Plans for next year have begun with an application for funding under the National Big Reads Project.
 - The Urban-Suburban Board has asked HFL to use next year as a planning year. The Rochester City School District is not prepared to provide transportation to our district next year. Jeanine Lupisella and Dr. Kavanaugh will meet with Urban Suburban in early April to begin planning discussions. Building Level Initiatives in Lima Primary and the High School were shared.
 - Lima Primary hosted students from RCSD School # 15 on February 12. The High School Diversity Club has established a relationship with RCSD to provide math tutors.
 - To further our interest in having a diverse representation of preservice teachers assigned to our district, Nazareth College of Rochester sponsored two Welch student teachers to be assigned to Manor School during this semester.
 - A Global Café will be hosted on May 30 at 7 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria. This event will provide a venue for a communitywide dialogue surrounding our Strategic Planning themes.
 - An article, *Five Trends for Schools*, was shared by Dr. Kavanaugh. Future demographic trends, such as those described in the article have implications for how we address diversity in its many forms.
- Mary McNamara provided information about the April 5 Superintendent's Conference Day activities for the High School. Michelle Hancock, Chief of Diversity and Leadership Development for the RCSD, will present a workshop on social-economic diversity. In the afternoon, the High School staff will attend a panel discussion about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. Area IB Coordinators will describe the program and assessment protocol in a question and answer format. The First Robotics Team and the Science Olympics Team competition results were shared. These activities offer our students increased opportunities to interact with students from urban and rural settings locally and throughout the state and nation.
- Phil led a review of Diversity Committee Planning Guide. Updates were made throughout the document.
- The next meeting is **Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 7 PM in the High School Room 116.**