

**BRENT ELEMENTARY**  
Diversity Working Group (DWG)  
April 2018 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Brent Elementary Diversity Working Group was held on 4/18/18 in a Brent Elementary meeting room. Brent Elementary is located at 301 North Carolina Ave SE, Washington DC. The meeting began at 6:35 p.m.

Meeting Participants: Jon Berg, Melinda Copeland, Danielle Drissel, Sara Ewbank, Adi Segal

**Agenda**

**I. Year in Review**

- Discussion of DWG activities over the past year, including the Unity Dance, parent reading groups, MLK march, classroom library supplementation, school-wide read aloud book selections, supporting Rising Tides afterschool tutoring, and the diversity promotion board.
- Consideration of resources, strengths and opportunities for growth (e.g., possibly reviving International Night).

**II. Opportunities for Broader Engagement**

- Need to publicize the charter approved at October 2017 meeting: The Brent Diversity Working Group (DWG) advances the Robert Brent Museum Magnet Elementary School's commitment to recognizing, respecting, valuing and promoting diversity by serving as a resource and liaison for students, families, staff, and faculty on issues of equity through education, outreach, and advocacy.
- Affirmation of the commitment to open meetings and providing a safe forum for open dialogue about experiences and events at school and in DCPS and the broader community.
- Discussion of options to increase awareness of and engagement in the DWG. Suggestions included: publishing minutes; clearly identifying DWG's activities; promoting meetings/activities through TuesNews, Brent Neighbors listserv, and word of mouth.

**III. Capitol Pride Parade Planning**

- Parade is June 9. Outreach has started. Participation this year will be as part of the greater DCPS contingent. Pre-parade activities may include poster party and/or designing a school banner.

**IV. Rising Tides Update**

- Enrollment is currently 22 students. Budget is likely to remain static. Changes to operating structure being considered. Imagine Greater is committed to continued support in 2018-19.
- Discussion of when data will be available to measure program impacts. Outreach is needed to ensure participating families are engaged in discussions of program strengths, opportunities for growth and potential changes.

**V. Looking Ahead**

- Discussion of budget, priorities for new year and options to improve student outreach and collaboration with PTA Board, School Spirit Committee, LSAT.
- Agenda for May 16 meeting to include: further Pride Parade planning; brainstorming supports for summer learning; establishing key priorities for 2018-19; identifying leadership.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 p.m. ET.