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## **LGBTQ+ Committee**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 **Time:** 7:00PM  
**VIA ZOOM**

- 7:03 PM called to order
- Attendance and ice breaker (superhero powers):
  - Jacey Long (she/her) - Pause time
  - Kate Puorro (she/her) - Fly
  - Thomas Foran (he/his/him) - Fly
  - James Demetriades (he/him) - Teleport
  - Matt Brown (he/him) - Fly
  - Maia Pavlick (she/her) - Fly
  - Molly Sayles (she/her) - Look at something and clean it up
  - Kathy Bremer (she/her) - Heal personal pain for an hour
  - Felix (he/him) - Shapeshifting
  - Lauren Duncan (he/him/she/her) - Shapeshifting
  - Steven St. Onge (he/him) - steal
- Approval of agenda
  - Maia motion, Kathy 2nd
- Approval of previous meeting minutes
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- Chair report
  - George Floyd
- Liaison report
  - Kate Puorro update:
    - Safe space stickers to remaining schools delivered
      - Have seen them up at high school and WIS (hasn't been to ECS lately but got good feedback from Administration)

- Will be giving LGBTQ+ PD tomorrow at CMS
  - James Demetriades update:
    - Apologies for distractions lately
    - Getting agendas out earlier
- Public comments
  - Maia, Kathy, Molly -
    - After school meeting with Superintendent Dr. Macri, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Dr. MacLean, & Special Education Director Sari O'Leary
    - May 17th will be a spirit day at CMS & CHS
      - Paying for 1,000 bracelets, rainbow theme, dress down day for teachers that goes to an organization
        - Jacey suggested "True Colors"
          - Kate highlighted that programs ended abruptly the staff had to be released from True Colors. Public concern that the Board is not being transparent with what's going on.
        - Kate suggested The Triangle Center, New Haven Pride Center, or Kamora's Cultural Corner
          - Wheeler Clinic's "Walk with Me" program
    - Friday, April 23, 2021 is LGBTQ+ National Day of Silence
    - Adding a "school report" section on the agendas
- Transgender student letter
  - James & Thomas still need signatures, they will plan with Kate
- Pride Crosswalk (rainbow crosswalk)
  - Middletown person has not called James back
  - Feedback from Town Manager- concern that traffic/zoning laws will not allow it
    - Crosswalk cannot be encumbered
    - If you have a traffic control device then Crosswalk technically not encumbered
  - Chalk Crosswalk suggestion
  - Motion: Draft a letter regarding a Pride Crosswalk to the Town Council
    - Thomas motion; 2nd Steven
    - Email letter for comments to the committee members
  - Possible locations
    - West Street/Main Street
    - Court Street/Main Street
    - Donald Harris Drive leading up to high school
- LGBTQ+ Youth Issues
  - Kate walked through the PD for the middle school tomorrow

- Motion to adjourn (7:55PM)
  - Maia motion, Steven 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven St. Onge