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PRRC – May 2022 Regular Board Meeting Report

- For the period between January 2022- May 2022 the priority of the committee has been working on the: A. Student Discipline Policy and B. PreK-5th and 6th -8th Promotion Retention Policies
 - Thursdays and Saturday Work sessions of 2 to 3 hours were allocated
 - PRRC members – Terrence T. Joseph, Shawna K. Richards, Kyza A. Callwood participated consistently; Nandi Sekou & Emmanuella Perez-Cassius were regular contributors with other Board members joining based on their availability
- A. The Student Discipline Policy is at a critical stage – a) it must review, insert, and update its dress code section with attention to constitutional freedoms, rights of expression, religion, gender, and sexual preference. This is a very sensitive issue as it seeks to acknowledge our cultural bias and the students right for a safe and protected environment. All members have received suggested ideas. We must attend to this matter
- <The VIDE is expecting a clear Dress Code Policy to begin school in August**
- Another area which needs immediate attention is the Corporal Punishment section. **Member Richards provided the Bill.** Members were to review the Bill and add a relevant section to the Student Discipline Policy.
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- <The final section of the Student Discipline Policy to be completed is the **Suspension/s- Expulsion/s section** which is quite important to the survival of learners who are recalcitrant, struggle with emotional, behavioral, and maturational delays. This section will take time but once done the policy will be completed.

The suggestion was to complete Dress Code, Corporal Punishment and Suspensions for September.

- B. PreK-5th and 6th -8th Promotion Retention Policies – A May 14, 2022, meeting was held where participants worked in groups to address sections of both policies. The notes with changes have been received from the PreK group and PRRC is still waiting for the 6th -8th notes. These policies need progress thinking which follows best practices and research

It has been recommended to use two (2) work sessions in July to continue promotion -retention work

- ACTION questions –

- < Should be address the Student Discipline Policy in JULY or SEPTEMBER ?

- < Approval for (2) Two additional meetings to be held July 9th and July 23rd to continue with policy revisions for promotion – retention – site, travel and meals will be accommodated by VIBE .

- < A brief 20-minute presentation from St. Croix Community Foundation is requested for the St. Croix meeting on promotion & retention.

- <A letter is requested to be forwarded to the Comm. Of Education with a list of policies and the expected compliance of the VIDE for the opening of the school year.

New Information

- St. Croix Community Foundation held a meeting for the Virgin Islands Board of Education

Data from the 2021 Kids Count Book was shared

SCF has affiliation and data from the following domains: Education, Health, Economics, Family & Community, Opportunity and Youth , Covid-Impacts, Community Based Resources, Bright Spots

- Random finds: Decrease in population and school enrollment 29%

Retention rate for 9th grade is 33% of the enrollees

15.7% of students are bullied

35.5 % of our students are sad

17% of students are suicidal

37.2 % of our students are obese

42.9% of sexually active student no not use condoms

- Ideas for next SCF- VIBE steps
 - <SCF meet with DR. Berry to coordinate and establish relationship
 - <Publicize results via media ads
 - <Introduce SCF to RELNEI & NSBA to share data
 - <Give SCF copy of SMAR report
 - < Share policies with SCF