Outlook

Summary Minutes 7/18/24 CRC meeting

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Attendees: Kevin Allen, Leslie Brown, Nelson Campbell, Joni Cohen, Matilda Carvajal, Kevin Pierre, Reubena Spence, and Ravi Srinivasan.

Last month's meeting minutes approved.

- **Guest Speakers**: Mr. Baris Yagci and his wife Patricia are introduced as guest speakers. They share their experiences and concerns about an incident involving their son, Nico, and another child, Caleb, at MUSC and on the school bus in April 2023.

- **Incident Details**: The Yagci family describes the incident where Caleb accused Nico of using a racial slur. Nico denied using the word, and the family addressed the issue with him. The situation escalated when the families encountered each other at a soccer game, leading to further accusations and conflicts. Both Yagci children were barred from MUSC travel soccer; Nico continued with Rec soccer, where he was allowed for now.

- **School Involvement**: The Yagci family explains how the incident was reported to the school, leading to meetings with school officials. They express frustration with the lack of communication and transparency from the school and the soccer club.

- **Restorative Justice**: The Yagci family mentions their daughter's involvement in a restorative justice circle at school to address bullying and harassment. They emphasize the importance of addressing such issues and the impact of rumors and gossip.

- **Community Concerns**: The Yagci family discusses their concerns about the community's response to the incident and the need for better communication and support. They highlight the importance of unity and addressing issues of race and equity in the community.

Action: CRC will potentially invite MUSC to share their procedures for how families and individuals are dismissed from MUSC travel and rec teams. We may explore mediation in the future if that makes sense.

Separate action: plan to join Council meetings to re-introduce the CRC

Other:
Mrs Wineglass follow-up is underway

Other:
Expense reimbursement process still vague. Leslie to enquire with Township Finance

Township Council and clerk continues to be unresponsive on clearing out CRC appointees who are not participating and allowing the VIF process to move forward. Further escalation to continue.

No Aug meeting.

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