

“Paper Tigers”: Documentary Screening and Community Conversation

Event Description:

The Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee will screen the documentary “Paper Tigers”, a 100-minute film by writer/director James Redford.

The documentary shares one high school’s unlikely success story.

It showcases how, utilizing a trauma-informed model of education, the school takes a radically different approach to disciplining students and becomes a promising model for how to break the cycles of poverty, violence and disease that affect families.

Following the movie screening, we will have a discussion on how our school district can also greatly improve human relations from implementing a more trauma-informed model of education and its relationship to equity issues.

Date: Saturday, December 3rd, 2022

Time: 1pm to 5pm

Location: TBD

(Note: Robert Frost Auditorium is not available on any date in Dec. As such staff is working to confirm another location for the event)

Since our last EHRAC meeting, staff and our subcommittee members met with the Culver City School Board/District Superintendent and School Board member Summer McBride (also a confirmed event panelist) to discuss the event.

The Superintendent, Mr. Tran, expressed great enthusiasm and support for the event idea and committed to:

1. Be a panelist at the event
2. speaking with each of the school board members to get their approval for the event as well, and also invite them to be in attendance at the event.
3. tasking his staff to look into the implementation of our other requests of support for the event.

Furthermore, at the September 19th Culver City Council Meeting, City Council approved this event, so we are now able to move forward with all our event preparations with confidence.

Note: We have a follow up meeting scheduled with the Superintendent and Staff to further discuss and verify all the details of our planned collaboration with the school district... This meeting will take place shortly after the deadline for the submission of this report.

5 confirmed panelists:

- Triston Ezidore (recently graduated CCHS student)
- Raven (Student + EHRAC member)
- Leah Pressman (Trauma Expert)
- Summer McBride (Culver City School Board Member)
- Mr. Quoc Tran (Culver City School District Superintendent)

Each panelist will have about 5 mins to share their initial reflections on the movie or theme/topic related to the movie.

We're preparing prompts/questions that will help keep the discussion focused on themes of childhood trauma and equity...

Staff will secure the license for movie screening...

We can get a DVD for a single public performance/viewing for **\$400.88** from Roco Educational.

https://www.rocoeducational.com/paper_tigers

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