

“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 us all.

Following the movie screening, we will have a discussion on how our school district can also greatly improve human relations by 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

Since our last EHRAC meeting, staff and our subcommittee members met with the Culver City School Board/District Superintendent to discuss the event.

The Superintendent, Mr. Tran, confirmed:

1. He is confident all school board member will give their approval for the event.
2. His staff is compiling a list of resources offered by the district that we will share with the event audience as a handout. This information will also be added to the school district website.
3. Several therapists will be in attendance at the event, ready to provide emotional support to any audience members who may need it. We will set up a system whereby audience members will be able to access this support anonymously.
4. He will ask his staff to arrange for about 6 bilingual student volunteers to be at the event to help with any set up needed and welcome attendees, etc.

Other notes/updates:

Our goal is to have at least a month to promote the event. As such we hope to have finalized

the event flyer by Thursday, 10/27/22. This will allow us to have it included in the district's end of the month newsletter.

The backside of the flyer is also being designed to include a permission slip to be signed by the parents of students in attendance. This can be collected at the door by our student volunteers.

The draft flyer can be viewed here:

[Paper Tigers Draft Flyer.pdf](#)

We have also been approved to have snacks available at the event. As such we request \$100-150 to be included in the budget for snacks.

Other budget line items include:

- Movie screening license: **\$400.88**
- special event insurance: TBD (may be up to \$1400)
- staffing costs: TBD (will depend upon what event location is finalized. If we end up at a city facility such as the veterans center or senior center, then this cost may be \$0)

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...