

## **Anti-Bias Task Force Meeting Minutes**

*Syosset Central School District*

*April 8, 2024 - 4:30 to 6pm*

### **I. Opening**

The sixth and final meeting of the Syosset Anti-Bias Task Force took place in the South Woods Middle School library on April 8, 2024.

### **II. Attendees**

The following individuals were present at the meeting:

#### **Chair persons**

Rabbi Jaimee Shalhevet, *North Shore Synagogue*

Pastor Rebecca Sheridan, *Faith Lutheran Church*

#### **Members**

Jacqueline Braunstein, *Elementary PTA*

Taiisha Calbert-Foster, *Syosset Teachers Association*

Rabbi Jason Fruithandler, *Woodbury Jewish Center*

Asma Malik, *Muslim American Community of Syosset*

Hafsa Mercan, *South Woods Middle School*

Zehran Muqtadir, *Syosset High School*

Tina Ng, *High School PTA*

Chase Pendrick, *HBT Middle School*

Inna Ryu-Choi, *Korean American Friends of Syosset*

David Steinberg, *Syosset Principals Association*

Kelly Zhang, *Chinese American Association of Syosset*

Imam Tanweer Ahmed, *Al Kawthar Institute*, Mikey Goodman, *Jewish Community of Syosset*, and Sharmin Panjvani, *Middle School PTA*, were unable to attend.

#### **Syosset Administration & Staff**

Dr. Thomas Rogers, *Superintendent of Schools*

Dr. Theresa Curry, *Deputy Superintendent of Schools*

Adam Kuranishi, *Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources*

Philomena Hefferon, *Public Information Officer*

### **III. Objectives and Agenda**

The objective of the meeting was for the members of the task force to review a final version of the recommendations that the group will make to the Board.

### **IV. Proceedings**

The meeting was held in the South Woods Middle School library.

After a brief catch up, the group sat in a circle and went through each section of the final draft of the report. Individuals made suggestions, which were then discussed. Some changes were implemented, others were rejected.

The group will virtually review a final version of the report before it is shared with the Board of Education and the community-at-large.

#### **V. Closing**

The task force will present its findings at the monthly Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, April 16th, which takes place at South Woods Middle School beginning at 8pm.