

Indigenous People's Day planning meeting 9/22/2021
Present: Benny, Daniela, Nicole, Raffa (from the public)

Recap from Sunday's networking meeting

Ideas:

- Collaborate with the schools to put out a statement - maybe reach out to director of equity and inclusion
- Collaborate with student council about adopting IPD within the schools
- Collaborate with the school libraries to acquire books by indigenous authors, and make a display - also contact the group that's been doing drives to donate diverse books to the schools
- Tie in IPD related stuff when we're tabling at the Festival and the street fair
- Film screening
- Invite indigenous author - could collaborate with the library or a local bookstore
- Invite indigenous artisan or craftsperson for a presentation/demonstration - Dr. Darlene Flores has lots of artists they could connect people with indigenouspeoplesdaynewton@gmail.com
- Connect with other towns (maybe smaller towns, similar to Wakefield) about how their town has navigated the process

Land acknowledgement at all HRC events

Contact with the Bayrds

- Still trying to get in touch with them

Book readings:

- Should we do the readings if we don't have indigenous authors to read?
- Could ask the Bayrds if they're interested, maybe Daniela's friend,
- We'll do *We Are Water Protectors*, *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker*, and *When We Were Alone*
 - For each one we could have an accompanying post with information and links
 - Raffa will put together some material for the post for *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker*, maybe drawing from materials that are available from the Iroquois Confederacy or from Illuminative
 - Nicole and Daniela will do the materials for *We Are Water Protectors*
 - Benny will do the materials for *When We Were Alone*
- Poems, maybe by N. Scott Momaday, or Joy Harjo

Dates:

- We should find out the final date for the Hispanic Heritage Month event
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Can make additional posts for Halloween re cultural appropriation, could link to a post by Dr. Adrienne Keen

Next meeting:
Wednesday 7pm

Next steps:

- Promote the march on our FB page
- Promote legislative agenda, QR codes
- General IPD/Columbus info
- Qr codes to sign petitions
- Promote other towns' events
- Get the schedule of posts for Hispanic Heritage Month
- Make Canva 1-pagers