

## **September 20, 2022**

**Meeting Opens:** 5:40 p.m.

**Attendance:** Sean Connor, Aida Cerundolo, Dina Chaitowitz, Jeremy Denlea, Charlie Dennis, Karyl Martin (remote – sick), Robert Quinn, Mark Rubenstein, Sean Locke, Ahni Malachi

**Quorum:** YES

**Approval of Minutes August Meeting:** Moved: JD; Second: DC; Vote: Y, Y, Y, Y, Y, A, Y, A, Y, Y (8 Yeas; 2 Abstentions)

### **Welcoming New Member:**

- Mark Rubinstein, Chancellor of the CCSNH.

### **Choose Love:**

- Presentation by Shannon Desilets:
  - Considering how we may want to include/collaborate with Choose Love Movement considering the overlaps with our education tool-kit related work
  - Choose Love is a state-wide initiative/program
  - Focus is on solutions rather than problems; we are not wired to think first of solutions but can focus on the problems
  - Looking at the root cause of PTSD symptoms rather than the symptoms
  - Examining how bias even starts
  - We can't always choose what happens to us but we can choose our response
  - Units for learning based around formula of courage, gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion in action
    - Written by educators for educators
- Incorporating it into the tool-kit:
  - Finding tools to help support those who have been targeted by bias-related incidents in schools
  - Adding something to the prevention section as this could be a resource
  - Schools are already accessing this and incorporating it would bring something familiar to the process
  - Also, thinking about this in the response, with a one-sheet response
  - Potential to line up with the work we are doing
  - Consider how to marry the Choose Love message with responding in a cultural way; this is a supplement
    - A piece of the answer but not THE answer

### **Education Tool-Kit:**

- Update from the AGO's review: nothing of major legal concern but a couple of thoughts about making the tool-kit more digestible and identifying that this not meant to be exhaustive.
- Well-Being section on page 6: Changing "racism, hate, and intolerance" to "hate, intolerance, and bigotry." Keeping it general to make sure all groups can see themselves in the language rather than having groups feel left out.

- Page 9: "Imitating someone" change to "mocking someone"; Imitate could be a good-faith action as opposed to mocking is bad-faith.
- Page 24: Change language regarding the swastika to "marginalization and oppression of the Jewish people" rather than "the death of the Jewish people."
- Organization of the tool-kit and discussion.
- September 30, 2022 for technical edits to SRL
- October 11, 2022 for structure/organization subcommittee: SRL, Dina, and 1-2 others.
- Bibliography page for the whole report rather than footnotes/endnotes
- Sean Connor to talk with Shannon Desilets about the section on Choose Love

**Subcommittee Updates:**

- No subcommittee meetings next month
- November will be next Legislative Committee meeting
- Education and Outreach has been focused on tool-kit

**New Business:**

- Update on Rogers recognition: Black Heritage Trail, have a markers program. Robert Quinn to go follow up.
- Possible legislation to accept a gift or piece of artwork?

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Next Meeting:** October 18, 2022, Department of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, 5:30 p.m.

**Adjourn:** 7:25 p.m.