

Tanglewood SIC Retreat
Creating Community Together
June 24, 2021 | 9:00 - 12:00pm

Attendees:

Alecia Brewster
Dr. Grayson Walles
Sonia Fajardo
[Valerie Brooks-Madden](#)
Susan Darnell
Holly Grady

Welcome and Opening Question, Alecia Brewster “Why was it important for you to be here today?”

Envisioning Possibility

Dr. Walles will talk about his vision for Tanglewood and the year to come. He also reported SC Ready/SC PASS scores increased, continued focus on staffing needs and setting a strong inclusive foundation for SIC.

The Structure of Belonging Video

Alecia showed a video of Peter Block, Asset Based Community Development Expert, talking about how to create and foster community and why we people feel increasingly lonely in a world that keeps us “connected” via technology.

Paired Conversations

Questions:

- What declaration of possibility can you make that has the power to transform the community and inspire you?
- What have I done to contribute to the very thing I want to change?
- What doubts and reservations do you have?
- What is the promise I’m willing to make that constitutes a major shift for me?
- What is something about you that no one knows or a gift that you hold in exile?

Reflections:

- Be curious, not helpful
- We can’t recreate the community with a stranger
- “Son of Ice” song is an example of a way to build community, but the way it needs to be more inclusive.

Next Steps

- Council Structure (Who's not represented and needs to be invited into the room?)
 1. Madera?
 2. Mental Health Partners
 3. Parents
- Meeting Plans (What are our indicators of success? When will we meet? How will we create inclusive spaces?)
 1. Increased SIC membership
 2. Inclusive membership (parents, faith community, etc)
 3. Academic Improvement
 4. Increased Trust (SIC and School staff strives for Cultural Competency)
- Sustainability (How will we create a SIC pipeline?)
 1. Current members commit to inviting at least 10 people to participate in the SIC
 2. Events w/community representation
 3. Back to School/SIC Meetings
 4. SIC section in School Newsletter