

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Council is composed of a dedicated group of diverse members established to foster a culture of inclusivity, equity, and diversity within GNBVT. Our current members include the following individuals:

- Yolanda Dennis, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and

Compliance

- Michelle Alexander, Teacher, Media Technology
- Henry Bousquet, Teacher, Culinary Arts
- Maria deMelo, DEI Community Specialist
- Yasmin Flehfleh-Vincent, Teacher, Early Childhood Education
- Nikie Iwanczuk, Guidance Counselor
- Michael Perry, Teaching Assistant, ELL
- Cathie Rebelo, Director of Career & Technical Programs
- Joy Southworth, Teacher, Science
- Lisa Tiexiera, School Adjustment Counselor

The council's mission is to seek and provide leadership for ongoing learning, discussion, dialogue and understanding about diversity, equity and inclusion by all members of the district including students, faculty, and staff.

Their role is to:

1. Examine institutional structures and processes to facilitate progress toward diversity, equity and inclusion within the district and surrounding communities.
2. Advocate for policies, practices, and programs that foster a diverse and inclusive community.
3. Encourage innovative programs and initiatives that will celebrate different cultures and traditions, foster an awareness of diverse perspectives and experiences, and engage the GNBVT school community in dialogue.
4. Make recommendations to the Superintendent on issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in a proactive and constructive manner.

By working collaboratively with all levels of GNBVT, the DEI Advisory Council aims to build a culture where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to achieve their full potential.