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## Racial Equity and Social Justice Action Team

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 12:30 P.M.

Minutes

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**Attendees:** Geraldine Alshamy, Michael Bollen, Derrick W. Byrd, Ursula Jolly, Willa Casstevens, Deidre McCullers, Nikki Lyons, Hannah Taylor, Bernadine Walden, Crystal Wynn-Lewis

- Welcome and approval of July minutes
  - approved
- Updates on the Wake County Reentry Council Meeting
  - Large turnout and large email list (200+) people
  - Next meeting at NC Works (1830 Tillery Pl B, Raleigh) 1pm Wed Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Must RSVP – materials printed based on RSVP list. If you are not on the email list please contact Bernadine Walden at [bwalden@frcsa.org](mailto:bwalden@frcsa.org) to be added.
  - FRCSA regularly visits correctional facilities and prisons in Wake to identify clients who will be released in the next 60-90 days and eligible for FRCSA services
  - Trying to involve the faith community
- Updates from the June and July Resident's Meeting
  - Discussion on establishing an Executive Team for the Crosby Advocacy Group and Residents' Group
  - Controversy and tension around recommendations made by subcommittee working to develop process and details of establishing the committee
- Continued Discussion on Proposed Back to School event Ligon Middle School
  - Nikki Lyons contacted Pamela Douglas (6<sup>th</sup> grade school counselor) but has heard no response
  - Open house September 13 according to school website
    - Will it be a community event or just school? If it's a community event, perhaps RESJ and/or CAG have a booth to share information about CAG and Crosby
    - Proposal to have voter registration booth
      - Need to review Wake County policy
- Announcements

- NC Governor's school supply drive – where will supplies be distributed?
  - <https://governor.nc.gov/news/governor-cooper-kicks-annual-school-supply-drive>
- National Partnership for Juvenile Services Conference in NC
  - <http://npjs.org/symposium/>
- REI Phase I training – 6 slots available (3 free) Sep 27 and 28 in RTP at Redwoods Group.  
Contact Deidre McCullers at [deidre919@aol.com](mailto:deidre919@aol.com)
- Geraldine Alshamy – Restorative Discipline effort in WCPSS to address issue of disproportionate suspensions on children of color, working with Wake County School Board and community members
  - Targeting all members of the community – teachers and administrators, students, churches, parents, etc.
  - Teaches children empathy and restorative justice
  - Proposal to implement a moratorium on suspensions of elementary school children
  - DPS diversion programs can also help keep students away from the court system but need community involvement and action as well

Next meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 12:30 P.M.