

Over the course of four lunch periods 15 students came to the music room and participated in a group discussion about the formation of a "civil rights based club similar" these are their words.

Themes that are important to the students:

Respect
Equality
Support
Diversity
Civil rights
Inclusion
Education
Kindness

Goals of our club:

Make people aware of this group and why we exist
Learn responses and coping mechanisms to deal with racism and racist actions against us
empower/teach students to use their voice
Increase representation of students of color
Advocate for students of color
Share our experiences and tell our stories
Educate the student body about racism and how it affects their peers and community
Explore/learn more about other cultures
Raise funds to buy tools to educate
Bring in guest speakers
Involve parents who want to help
We want to see a change in the student body and a change in the way the school handles racist incidents
Educate teachers about the racial issues at our school
Improve school communication around sensitive issues
Work with all educators to create responses to racism

In the end the students decided that they did not want to be called a "club" Dean Waldron suggested they call themselves a "coalition" or "organization"

The students came up with the name D.R.E.A.M.

Diversity
Respect
Educate
Advocate
Mission