## A new use of the word accomplice pushed this educator to rethink her activist approaches inside and outside the classroom. <u>COLLEEN CLEMENS</u> JUNE 5, 2017

## Race & Ethnicity Rights & Activism

context, the majority of committee members, including me, are white. This committee actively works to educate our community on issues of racial injustice through events for students and parents. One event is an Ally Week during which students consider the hard work of <u>allyship</u> with marginalized communities. As the clerk of the committee, I strive to make ally work a core component of our mission and programming.

So when someone mentioned the word *accomplice* in the context of social justice

a

this term. I also wanted to know how I might rethink how those in power can stand *with* and not *for* marginalized populations.

Thinking about the word accomplice, I remembered my Latin roots from high school *com*