LGBTQ Round Table

Minutes

October 26, 2017

MEETING AGENDA

1. GSA Announcements (10 minutes)
2. Business Services on fundraising (10 minutes)
3. Banner question (Terri) (10 minutes)
4. Video Clips (Olivia) (15 minutes)
5. Amber Merziotis (Family Builders representative) (10 minutes)
6. Transgender non-conforming training report back (Sam) (10 minutes)
7. Goals for the year (all) (15 minutes)
8. Good of the Order (all) (5 minutes)

Amber Merziotis

Ms. Merziotis represents Family Builders, an organization that works to find permanent families for children in the foster care system. Family Builders works with youth, but Ms. Merziotis noted that LGBTQ youth are at a disproportionate risk of being placed in foster care. She also spoke of the Bay Area Youth Collaborative, which provides “Our Space” for LGBTQ youth. Services provided at Our Space include potlucks, therapy, and trainings and curricula for service providers working with LGBTQ youth. Our Space is also a partner in the Youth Acceptance Collaborative, which provides support services for youth in or at risk of entering foster care who are impacted by their sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression (SOGIE).

Round Table members discussed putting this on the website as a resource and distributing information to AUSD counselors.
**LGBTQ Banner** RT members discussed whether the LGBTQ RT needs its own banner. It was decided that the EBH and HMD posters suffice. Also, there is a risk of banner fatigue.

**Video:** Olivia Higgins showed the video that she has been developing about AUSD LGBTQ staff and students. RT members discussed how the group can use it. It is expected to be completed soon.

**Yes Conference** – Several RT youth are going to the Yes Conference in SF in November. They may need transportation home, as the neighborhood is “sketch.”

GSA updates: meetings,

*Teaching teachers to intervene in slur*

Discussion – teaching? “watch the language” gene – will stop a class address the underlying problem

Sam – trans gender law center – trans non conforming training – talked about history

Stonewall, Balck Panther Party, borke into smaller roups – mental health problems, bathroom issues, lack of acess to mental health services, homelessness – got a lot out of mental health discussion and discussion of perceptions of trans community from cis community

Goals for the year – feedback from students (gene asks for) what can we do to better support queer students at school?

Education for elementay students – Charlie – talk about it like it’s not taboo – considered inappropriate to talk to kids about, over-sexualized

Ella agrees – 3rd 4th 5th

Definitions for students?
Last year AHS kids went to Otis Lincoln and bay farm

Olivia: good for kids and teachers

Conversation about whether or not the lesson 9 lessons are being taught and how well

K-5 rep (let’s find one since Anne left)

Book recommendations – Terri has a list, people have ideas, when to introduce books, long novels

People want to see books in media centers, classrooms, class curriculum

Group of people now working on lesson plans, etc

For all protected classes

Goals of next year-

Good of the order:

Talking about upcoming meetings

November 15

Possible potluck for queer families – not to be city or district sponsored

Safe space