

SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION MEETING MINUTES

Tues, February. 15, 2011, 3-5 p.m.

Chair: Frank Couch Recorder: Penny Palmer

Attending: Frank Couch, Penny Palmer and Gabi Clayton via phone

1. Intros/Sharing –

Gabi – Gabi Clayton and Cecilia Icenogle will be interviewed by KIRO for a documentary on bullying. And Gabi was asked to work with the Olympia School District on their 25 year facility plan to help with any special needs for the LGBT community.

Penny – Taco Time has changed it's charitable giving program to not allow the selling of coupon booklets within the stores. This only leaves volunteer sales which SSC tried last year and it does not work for us. A letter asking them to reconsider was sent. There has not been a response to date.

Frank – Sama now will be doing post treatment help for the state. Luncheon coming soon.

2. Fiscal Agent update and Treasurer's Report – Michelle Munro:

Snail mail address – Safe Schools c/o Rosehedge, 1401 East Jefferson Street, Suite 401; Seattle, WA 98122

Donations, publications by credit card – Card will show “Rosehedge” instead of “Lifelong AIDS Alliance.”

Questions about finances – Contact Treasurer, Michelle Munro (michelle@safeschoolscoalition.org) or Co-Chair, Beth Reis (206.296.4970 or 800.325.6165, ext. 64970) or Rosehedge Office Manager, Corrie Hines (corrie@multifaith.org; 206.324.1520, ext. 224)

3. Law & Policy Work Group

---HB 3026 – Update: This email came from Jennifer Allen: Safe Schools Law and Policy Committee members, thanks again to all of you who were able to help provide or find testimony in support of House Bill 1163, Rep. Liias' anti-bullying bill, last Thursday in the House Education Committee. The testimony was excellent and extremely well-received by the committee, and Chair Sharon Tomiko Santos especially took a moment on behalf of the whole committee to thank Cecilia Icenogle, Gabi Clayton, and Diana Stadden for telling their very personal and difficult stories about their own families and the importance of additional anti-bullying protections.

The very best news is that between the terrific testimony and the common-sense nature of the bill, it was passed out of committee on Friday afternoon! The bill that passed was slightly altered from the original, with changes proposed by Rep. Liias himself that include one more great item: including mental health and suicide prevention education in assessments of health and fitness standards in the classroom. It passed with bipartisan support on a vote of 13 to 7.

So, all is good news on the bill at this point! It does have a small fiscal note - i.e. cost to implement the bill - so it may now go to the Education Appropriations

Committee. However, we think and hope it will head to the House floor for a full vote soon, and Lonnie and I will keep you updated.

Thanks again to all. One other request: I know that a couple of you on this list are also on the Safe Schools Coalition Leadership Team - would you mind forwarding this update? I appreciate it.

Jennifer

Jennifer M. Allen

4. Intervention Team Report – There were 11 calls through the KCSARC line. We had 2 out of state calls and are continuing work on the case in Eastern WA. An attorney is currently working on the case. We are also continuing work on the expulsion of a middle school student in a religious school. The principal is not responding to requests for documentation of incidents.
5. Speakers Bureau Report – Briana
--Thanks to the efforts of both Briana and Gabi, we launched a **whole new Speakers Bureau page**:
<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/speakersbureau/index.htm>
--Trainers needed: Bush School training for parents on “GLBTQ/Sexual Orientation 101,” Feb. 7, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Speakers Bureau Manager Report

Speakers Bureau & Training Team

Date:	Location:	Trainers:	Audience Total:
1/24	Overlake High School	Heather C.	
2/2	Cedar Heights Middle School	Heather C.	
2/2	Franklin High School	Briana	50

Upcoming: Southern Heights Elementary 2/18

YMCA Foster Care 2/22

SOS Outreach 3/5

NotreDame Americorps 3/11

Outreach

Date:	Location:	Tablers:
1/22	Shoreline Family Connection Night	Stephanie and Ingrid
1/30	Community Summit in Spokane	Briana – presented
	Woodinville Unitarian Church	Briana - presented

6. Web Site Report – Gabi

January 2011 Safe Schools Coalition web report

Total Page Views 45,961

Average Page Views per Day 1,482

Average Page Views per Visitor 1.39

Total Visitors 33,119

Average Visitors per Day 1,068

Total Unique IPs 14,906

Some of the top referring search phrases in January:

lgbt scholarships and grants
 gay straight alliance canada
 gay scholarships and grants
 bullying lesson plans middle school
 harassment in schools
 guilford county schools
 scholarships in washington state
 safe schools coalition seattle
 bullying curriculum for elementary schools
 lesbian scholarships
 free health posters for schools

110 countries visited in January 2011 - with number of page views:

1. United States 2. 5,5112 Unknown 1,750 3. China 1,113 4. France 1,084
 5. Russian Federation 921 6. Canada 489 7. United Kingdom 2418. Hong Kong
 223 9. Japan 179 10. Switzerland 151 11. Germany 139 12 Sweden 135 13.
 Australia 87 0.26% 18,212 14. Singapore 82 15. India 80 16. South Africa 69
 17. Greece 67 18. Netherlands 50 19. Italy 38 20. Poland 35 21. Ukraine 35 22.
 Philippines 32 23. Romania 29 24. Spain 28 25. Turkey 27 26. Korea, Republic
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.Guatemala 2 76 .Senegal 2 77 .Belarus 278 .Lebanon 2 79 .Mauritius 2
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7. Membership Report – Gabi - GSA Network one year membership for curriculum project regarding Harvey Milk for the website

8. OUTLoud - Heather C.

Trianing SAFE FROM BULLIES-SAVING LIVES hosted by Heather Carter on March 30th from 4-6 pm. The Fee is \$25 at the 2100bldg The desired outcomes for this training are:- Be able to define bullying and bias based harassment (as it pertains to LGBTQ youth) and who's involved in the behaviors- Identify the relationship between bullying and bias based harassment & negative mental health outcomes such as depression and thoughts of suicide- Identify negative emotions associated with these experiences-for the bully, the target, and the bystander- Understand the risks and experiences of LGBTQ youth face- Recognize protective factors against bullying and bias based harassment- Recognize the warning signs for suicide- Demonstrate the suicide intervention strategies of show you care, ask the question and get help- Understand what schools, families, and community partners can do to prevent and intervene in bullying incidents- Identify resources for help at school and in the community.

9. **Transgender and Gender Non-conforming Children in Schools (Middle/High School)**

Presenter: Aidan Key

February 19 - 10am - 1pm
John Stanford Center
2445 3rd Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98134

\$95 Professionals

\$70 Students

Register at door

Contact: info@genderdiversity.org

This workshop allows teachers, administrators, and support staff to gain greater understanding of gender non-conformity and transgender issues as they relate to middle and high school students.

Topics covered include:

- What do you do if you feel you have a transgender student in your class?
- How do you know if this student is transgender, or gay or lesbian—what's the difference anyway?
- Could this be a phase? What if a student wants to come to school as the 'opposite' gender?
- Gender identity and expression, as well as sexual orientation, are aspects of identity that are protected by both WA state anti-discrimination code and anti-bullying legislation. What, exactly, does this mean and how does it apply to your school community?
- How do you address questions from students or parents?
- What are some ways to address possible teasing and bullying? How do you support a student and maintain a safe learning environment?

Participants will learn the distinctions between gender identity and sexual orientation, and also ways in which they are interwoven, for teens and young adults. This workshop will assist participants in creating a safer learning environment for all students regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression including language for school mission statements and student handbooks. Participants will become more confident in addressing questions from both students and parents, and ultimately, finding solutions to create a more inclusive environment for all.

NOTE: Open to students in related fields

10. WACS for bullying Bill – Gabi sent the letter voicing the concerns of the SSC. It was requested that the current proposal be dropped and the process started again to assure regs. would address the problems and have the wording to make sure rules would be followed.

11. Penny attended the “Laramie Project” presented by the Woodinville Unitarian Church. It was well attended and the senior high students did a wonderful job with the movie, discussion following and a bake sale. They earned \$900 which include a generous donation from the church of \$300.

Upcoming Meetings

Contact the chair if you have agenda items or need instructions about meeting logistics. Everyone is welcome and you do not need to be an SSC member to attend. Meetings are 3-5 p.m. at Planned Parenthood on Madison in Seattle

Feb. 15 – Chair is pending; Recorder: Frank

Mar. 15 – Chair, Frieda (ftakamura08@gmail.com); Recorder, Heather C.

Apr. 19 – Chair, Stefanie(stefaniefox@gmail.com); Recorder, Penny

May 17 – Chair, Heather M (hmurphy@u.washington.edu); Recorder, Frank