

Safe Schools Coalition Meeting

Minutes 10-18-2011, 3-5 p.m. PDT

Facilitating: Heather Murphy; Recording: Frank Couch

Help needed items in RED.

Attendees in person: Beth Reis – Public Health Seattle & King County; Briana Herman-Brand – SSC’s Speakers’ Bureau Manager; Frank Couch – Science and Management of Addictions Foundation; Gabi Clayton – PFLAG Olympia, Youth Guardian Services, Families United Against Hate; Alec Clayton – SCC trainer, PFLAG Olympia, Families United Against Hate; Heather Murphy – Shoreline Public Schools, University of Washington; Mathew Wilson – OASIS/Pierce County AIDS Foundation; Vijou Bryant – NW Network of B,T,L,G Survivors of Abuse; Jessica Hatlo – Queer Teen Ensemble Theatre

Attendees by Phone: Mo Lewis – King County Sexual Assault Resource Center; Susanne Hidde – Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

INTROS

(1) SHARING TIME

- a) **Queer Teen Ensemble Theater** does 1-6-hour intensive workshops in schools where students do original writing, physical activities to prepare for the stage, and performances. It’s a unique program giving voice and artistry to LGBTQ youth in the Seattle community. Produced by the Washington Ensemble Theatre and led by co-artistic director Jessica Hatlo. It is a Seattle city-wide program that provides a creative outlet for queer teens and their friends to express who they are and where they come from. More: www.qtet.org
- b) Matthew reported that the **Tacoma Public Schools** are doing really well in terms of complying with the most recent Washington State bullying prevention law. Find their revised policy [here](#) and procedure [here](#). In fact, they are going even further and are in the process currently of writing rules regarding staff-to-staff and kid-to-staff harassment.

(2) HEALTHY YOUTH SURVEY

- a) One of the questions about sexual health that SSC worked so hard to get included in the survey – the one about genders of partners -- was omitted in the final draft administered fall 2010. Because of a funding glitch, the fall 2012 survey has already been printed.
- b) The Coalition has decided to form an ad hoc community organizing committee to coordinate a statewide effort to offer to the Department of Health to reach out to the schools that opted out of the survey in the past based on the questions of sexuality (or other reasons) to educate them on the importance of opting in and the inclusion of such questions. **HELP**

NEEDED: We need someone willing to convene such a committee. Do you care about our collecting population-based data about students? This is your chance to lead a really crucial project. Beth Reis, Mo Lewis and Matthew Wilson have all agreed to serve on the committee if someone is willing to be the convener. Interested? Contact Beth: beth@safeschoolscoalition.org

(3) WA ASSOCIATION FOR MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION AWARD!

- a) On October 22, Heather Carter will accept the [Washington State Association for Multicultural Education](#)'s 2011 Multicultural Excellence Award on behalf of the Safe Schools Coalition. **If other Coalition members plan to be there, please let us know!**

(4) LINKS & ALLIANCES CONFERENCE

- a) GLOBE Youth Group invites you to the 15th Annual Links & Alliances Conference on Saturday, November 12th at Everett Community College. This is a conference for GLBTQ youth ages 14-20, allies, parents, educators, and youth providers. To receive a brochure or to register contact Brenda Newell <mailto:bnewell@snohd.org> or 425.339.5239.

(5) WASHINGTON STATE BULLYING WORK GROUP

- a) Gabi reported that the work group is now starting to now starting to define the work they are to do as set forth by the legislature (see the charter on the OSPI website). The next meeting will be held in Burien and all are welcome to attend. It is a public meeting but only the work group will have a voting voice.
- b) For anyone interested in the details of the Bullying Workgroup, the information is provided on OSPI website:
<http://www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter/BullyingHarassment/WorkGroup.aspx>
- c) Agenda, minutes, timeline, and group activity are all available here:
<http://www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter/BullyingHarassment/PastMeetings.aspx>

(6) MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- a) **New membership application** from Pizza Klatch (www.pizzaklatch.org)
Pizza Klatch provides free lunchtime support groups in Thurston County high schools for GLBTQQ Youth and their Straight Allies. Gabi called for a vote to include Pizza Klatch as the newest member of SSC. She gave a brief history of Pizza Klatch's work with schools and GSAs. All members present were in favor of Pizza Klatch's membership. (Everyone please help us in welcoming Pizza Klatch as the newest member of SSC)
- b) **Renewal:** University of Puget Sound Multicultural Student Services.
Thank you!!

(7) FISCAL REPORT

- a) Beth reported that Arthur Padilla has resigned from Rosehedge and that she is planning a meeting with James Marshall-Ward, the Interim

Executive Director, to discuss our current agreement. She is confident that the fiscal agreement will remain the same. And actually hopeful we can identify space at Rosehedge to replace our storage unit.

- b) Thank you to these recent donors:**
 → Pam Jensen

(8) SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT

- a) A search committee is in the process of finding a new contractor to serve as the Coalition's next Speakers' Bureau Manager. We had an awesome group of applications. We will be conducting interviews on October 27th and 31st.
- b) The first of the Coalition's BloomingOut Radio shows are archived on the SCC website. Once a month we will be interviewed about a different issue. Check our web site.
- c) **Speakers Bureau & Training Team**

Date:	Location:	Trainers:	Audience Total:
10/10	SSC Gender Training	Nathan Shara	10
10/11	SSCC Coming Out Day Event	Norma Timbang	
10/17	Bridge Conference	Beth Reis and Heather Carter	75

Pending: King County Youth Development Network Event 11/2
 SeaTac/High School Speaking Request
 City Year 12/2?

d) Outreach

Date:	Location:	Tablers:
4 th Thursday/mo.	WFHB Radio Segments	Beth, Gabi, Rosalinda, Tracy
10/16	Rainbow City Band Concert	Heather Carter
10/17	Bridge Conference	Beth and Heather

Upcoming: SLGFF 10/22
 WSAME Conference 10/22

- d) **White Privilege Conference 2014: HELP NEEDED: WPC 2014 will be held in Seattle. A planning committee is currently meeting. If you would like to represent the Safe Schools Coalition in those meetings, it would be much appreciated. Contact Beth: beth@safeschoolscoalition.org**
- e) **Brochure. HELP NEEDED: Want to help create a new brochure or brochures for the Coalition? Learn how that sort of tool gets developed. Gabi and Beth will work with you. Contact Co-Chair Beth Reis: beth@safeschoolscoalition.org**

(9) WEB SITE(S) REPORT

- a) Gabi reported that we had 67,509 page views in September (up from 53,509 in Sept 2010 and up ten-fold in the past decade from 6,752 in Sept 2001).
- b) We had 32,841 total visitors to the site in September (over 1,000 visitors/day).

(10) INTERVENTION TEAM REPORT

- a) Welcome to Alice Larson, a new intervention specialist serving the SW part of the state.
- b) The intervention team has been filling in while Jennifer is out on maternity leave. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK.**
- c) We had a total of 10 requests this month to the Intervention Team, some crises and some just requests for information.

(11) SEATTLE FAMILIES AND EDUCATION LEVY

- a) The Leadership Team decided on behalf of the Coalition to endorse the Families & Education Levy. You can [check out the current list of supporters by clicking here](#).
- b) **HELP NEEDED: We are looking for people willing to do some phone banking for the Families and Education Levy, if you are willing please contact Gabi: gabi@safeschoolscoalition.org**

(12) LISTSERV REPORT

- a) Beth Kelly wasn't able to take on the role of Listserv Specialist at this time.
- b) Thank you to Nik Donia for returning to the role!!! Nik is now sending Event Digests.
- c) **HELP NEEDED: A volunteer with 1-4 hours/week to send News Digests to the listserv. We'll train and support you! Interested? Contact Co-Chair Beth Reis: beth@safeschoolscoalition.org**
- d) **Welcome to subscribers** in the last month or so from:
 - *Wilton Manors, FL*
 - *Columbia Heights, MN*
 - *Brockton, MA*
 - *San Francisco, CA*
 - *Providence, RI*
 - *Tacoma, WA*
 - *Ferndale, WA*
 - *Tucson, AZ*
 - *Madison, WI*

(13) CALENDAR

- a) The 2012 calendar from the Lesbian Gay Childcare Task force is now available. Beautiful photos of mostly lesbian- and gay-headed families for your classroom, to balance all the heterosexual images.
- b) The calendar can be ordered for a \$15 suggested donation. Make checks payable to: Ian Hyde. Send, with your name and mailing address, to: Child Care Task Force c/o Ian Hyde, 225 N. 70th Street, Seattle, WA 98103.

c) Questions: lgtaskforce@gmail.com

(14) FILM: *Faces and Facets of Transgender Experience*

- a) SSC previewed the 24-minute film produced by PFLAG Boulder County (CO). The discussion guide was written by Jean Hodges in collaboration w/ PFLAG National. Eighteen people and their families share touching stories about the journey from despair to loss to the joy of being the gender they were meant to be.
- b) We were impressed with the film's ability to make real and to humanize the often sensationalized stories of the lives of trans children and adults.
- c) Purchase it here: <http://pflagboulder.org/2010/08/23/world-premier-faces-and-facets-of-transgender-experience/> for just \$10.

(15) YOUTH AND GENDER MEDIA PROJECT

- a) [Youth and Gender Media Project](#) is a growing collection of short films that capture the diversity and complexity of gender non-conforming youth.
- b) They are working on a short film called "Creating Safe Schools" and will share a directors' cut of it at the November 15th Safe Schools Coalition meeting in order to get folks' feedback. The producer will be joining the next SSC meeting by phone. So if you are available on November 15th please join use for the viewing.

UPCOMING MEETINGS ... contact the chair if you have agenda items to suggest or if you need instructions about attending (in person) or calling in (by conference call). All are welcome - you do NOT need to be a Coalition member to attend.

Nov 15th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Mo** facilitates and **Heather C** records. Mo: 425-226-5062; mlewis@kcsarc.org

Dec 20th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Matthew** facilitates and **Penny** records. Matthew: 253-671-2838; mwilson@piercecounyaids.org (NOTE: Beth will miss this meeting)

January 17th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Beth** facilitates for Heather M, **Heather C** records. Beth: 206-296-4970; beth.reis@kingcounty.gov

February 21st, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Mo** facilitates and **Frank** records. Mo: 425-226-5062; mlewis@kcsarc.org (NOTE: Beth will miss this meeting)