

Safe Schools Coalition Roundtable Meeting Notes
January 20, 2015

Present: Tracy Flynn, Welcoming Schools; Monisha Harrell, ERW; Marcia Botzer, Ingersoll; Breona Mendoza, Seattle Commission and Northwest Network; Gabi Clayton, Webmaster and List serve coordinator; Alec Clayton; Randy Weiger, Seattle Dept. of Parks and Recreation; Paul Sweeny, Heather Murphy, Therapist in private Practice, past SSC Co-Chair 2008-2012.

1. Introductions and Review December Minutes.

2. Discussed the ending of the Interventions Line- Suggested that past Chairs of the Coalition, like Heather, contact King County Sexual assault Resource Center and thank them for their years of Service. Reiterated that the SSC is currently not able to maintain an interventions line. Other organizations are better suited to that work. The Coalition's work will focus on making sure that school districts and the state office of OSPI do their jobs to respond to cases of harassment, intimidation and bullying. Gabi and Tracy will work to make sure that all external links to the coalition links on the website are being forwarded to the right person. The Interventions links all need to be deleted. Currently Tracy receives- Training Inquiries and general questions and Monisha receives Policy or legal issues questions. Goal is to have two people receive any SSC inquiries so that we can be more certain that nothing is being overlooked.

3. Mission statement discussion.

The group agreed that the mission state was too broad. And that thinking globally and acting locally was the best path for the coalition.

The new mission statement of the Coalition will be:

“Safe Schools Coalition, located in Washington State, is a public-private partnership, in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender, queer and questioning youth, working to help schools become safe places where every family can belong, where every educator can teach, and where every child can learn, regardless of gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.”

Gabi will work to put this on our website and Facebook page before the next meeting.

4. Agreed upon focus of the coalition

- Schools and School age youth
- Safety (Anti-bullying, harassment and intimidation, overall school climate)

- LGBTQ- we ally ourselves with other groups working on Schools safety beyond the LGBTQ community and will continue to work on our capacity

5. Website:

Gabi is volunteering to cull the website getting rid of dead links and old documents. Monisha, Breona and Heather and Paul have agreed to review the website and send suggestions to Gabi. (Monisha is setting up an email string for this group to communicate with each other)

Gabi has created a new SSC Logo for the Word Press Site.... Adam Kuglin said he would volunteer his time to help with the new layout, design and functionality of the site. Website design group will be Monisha, Adam and Gabi.

6. New items to discuss at February meeting:

- State wide and/or local school and district survey re: compliance with WA State laws regarding anti-bullying, compliance officer training and school level implementation. As well as overall school climate questions, and training needs questions. Tracy will bring a copy of the Oregon Safe Schools Coalition Survey to review as a template.
- Letter to Seattle Public Schools regarding their Title IX Compliance Officer vacancy
- SSC Speakers Bureau Training- Set a Date and create a training committee for content.

7. Next meeting, Tuesday February 17 4-5:30 at the Ingersoll/ERW office 517 E Pike Street, Seattle, WA 98122. If you would like to conference in to the meeting please email the SSC at info@Safeschoolscoalition.org or call the ERW office at: XXXX to get the call in information.