



Safe Schools Coalition

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Safe Schools Coalition Roundtable Meeting Notes

12/09/2014

Present: Monisha Harrell, Marcia Botzer, Brennon Ham, Tracy Flynn and Breona Mendoza

1. Discussion on how to focus the coalition's work on what we do best

- Think Globally act Locally
- Provide training and TA to schools, school staff and districts
- Being a think tank for issues as they emerge
- Being a "watchdog" to ensure that the model laws and policies we fought so hard for are followed
- Being a place for programs, trainers and school staff and youth to share resources and improve skills

2. SSC Interventions Line to be discontinued

Discussed the closure of the SSC Crisis line. While this may seem sad, it is actually a huge success for the coalition. When the line was started there was no place for people to turn for help with school based bullying-especially LGBTQ bullying. Now there are laws and systems in place to better address this. However, there is still lots of work to do especially related to accountability. Tracy communicated with KCSARC about the line closure and thanked them for their years of service. Tracy and will let Seattle Counseling Services know as well. The line has had less and less calls and most are not crisis calls but TA and training calls that can be handled in other ways. The line will stop operating on Jan 15. Gabi will note that on the website.

3. Action item: Shall we change our mission statement to better reflect the work we do and our capacity? **WE WILL VOTE ON THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT AT OUR JANUARY MEETING.**

Current mission statement:

Safe Schools Coalition is an international public-private partnership in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth, that is working to help schools - at home and all over the world — become safe places where every family can belong, where every educator can teach, and where every child can learn, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

Suggested new mission statement:

Safe Schools Coalition is a public-private partnership in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender and queer/questioning youth, that is 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.

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4. Agreed upon the focus of the coalition

1. Schools (and school age youth)
2. Safety (Anti-bullying, harassment and intimidation, school climate)
3. LGBTQ (We ally with others beyond the LGBTQ community and will work to increase our capacity)

5. Action Item: We will continue to meet the third Tuesday of the month. New meeting location will be the Ingersoll/Equal Rights WA Office. New time-4-5:30 pm. We will use a conference line if necessary. We will rotate the note-taking and meeting minutes will be posted on the SSC website.

6. Action item: Cull down the website. Note: Gabi will work on this as able. If someone else wants to volunteer to take down old outdated resources from the website she will be happy to have your help.

7. Action item: Everyone who attended the December meeting bring a friend to the January meeting. Encourage past active members to re-engage.

8. Action item: Consider sponsoring a speakers bureau training in the first Q of 2015.

9. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 20 from 4-5:30 PM at the Ingersoll/ERW office.
517 E Pike Street, Seattle WA 98122 - lower floor c/o Ingersoll Gender Center.