

Safe Schools Coalition Meeting

Minutes 01/17/2012

Facilitating: Beth Reis; Recording: Heather Carter

HELP NEEDED items are in bolded red fonts.

ATTENDING (all by phone due to weather): Mathew Wilson, SSC co-chair, Pierce County Aids Foundation; Beth Reis, SSC co-chair, Public Health -- Seattle & King County; Heather Carter, SSC co-chair, Youth Suicide Prevention Program; Tracy Flynn, trainer, educator and facilitator; Michelle Munro, SSC co-chair and treasurer; Gabi Clayton, SSC webspinner, Parents Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)-Olympia, Youth Guardian Services, Families United Against Hate; Katrina Pestano, SSC Speaker's Bureau Manager

(2) SHARING TIME

- a) **PFLAG-Olympia Benefit Concert** Jan 27th & 27th w/**The Righteous Mothers & Steve Schalchlin** at Traditions Café at 8 pm doors open both nights. Information: 360-705-2819 or <http://pflag-olympia.org/>
- b) **SnoGlobe** event-**2012 Winter Film Festival**, Sunday, January 29, 2012
Time 1:00pm until 6:00pm, Everett PUD Theatre Everett, WA
<http://www.snoglobe.us/events.html>
- c) **Tacoma Public Schools' bullying committee** is looking over a model for transgender youth inclusion in schools.
- d) Local GSAs in Pierce or S. King County, please use **Oasis Youth Center's newsletter** to advertise!!! Contact Mathew Wilson:
mwilson@piercecounyaids.org

(3) HEALTHY YOUTH ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP – Beth

The group discussed whether or not to renew membership in the Healthy Youth Alliance. The decision was to contact the Alliance and touch base with them about possible collaboration, them becoming members of SSC, & other ways of working together besides just a paid membership. Michelle will pursue.

(4) "GENDER & SEXUALITY 101" READER – Caryn Oppenheim

Beth has been in touch with the others who have agreed to provide editorial feedback on the reader (Donna, Jill). Beth also has provided some editorial feedback, which mostly consisted of small items such as changing from passive to active voice. We are waiting to hear the rest of the feedback before committing to Caryn about publishing this reader.

(5) MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Michelle

- a) **Help needed: volunteers to contact people about renewing, becoming a member etc...** Tracy and Matthew both offered to help, but not take the lead in member org retention and recruitment. Beth offered to get in touch with Kathy Sakahara to see if she will take the lead.
- c) Don't forget membership is annual and it's **TIME TO RENEW!** You can

renew online or send/FAX the form in (form and address available online):
http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/members_join-renew.html

- d) The following organizations did not renew in 2010 or 2011. Don't let your organization be dropped from Safe Schools Coalition letterhead and web site (IMPORTANT: This is not to shame you, but to let you know that, as of February 1st, your organization will be dropped). If we have this wrong and we missed a renewal please contact Michelle Munro
michelle@safeschoolscoalition.org:

- Ally Action (San Pablo, CA)
- Charles Wright Academy (Tacoma, WA)
- Equality New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM)
- Inlaws & Outlaws Hearts and Minds Campaign (based in Seattle, WA)
- Leander Middle School (Leander, Texas)
- Lifelong AIDS Alliance (Seattle, WA)
- Morningside Academy (Seattle, WA)
- Pride Center of the Capital Region, Inc. - was Capital District Gay & Lesbian Community Council (Albany, NY)
- Turning Institute (Mt. Vernon, WA)
- YouthAware Educational Theatre (San Francisco, CA)

(6) COMMUNITY MATTERS – Beth

Community Matters wrote us to introduce themselves: a national organization for bullying and violence prevention whose mission is to collaborate with schools and communities to engage, equip and empower young people to become change agents and peacemakers.

Their flagship program, Safe Schools Ambassadors, empowers student bystanders to speak up and intervene. Since 2000, It has equipped nearly 60,000 4-12th grade students in over 1,000 schools in 28 states and 2 Canadian Provinces.

More about a new training program they offer, entitled *Sexual Minority youth: The Legal, Fiscal, Educational and Moral Imperatives for Protecting LGBTQ Students* here: www.community-matters.org

(7) SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT – Katrina

Speakers Bureau & Training Team

Date:	Location:	Trainers:	Audience Total:
1/16	Washington GSA Youth Leadership Conference	Katrina Pestano	Cancelled
1/26	Presentation for Bizbuilder Vancouver, WA	Katrina Pestano	

Pending: Cascade Middle School – GSA
 Franklin High School education Youth Summit

Youth Care North Campus School workshop

Outreach

Date:	Location:	Tablers:
4 th Thursday/ mo.	WFHB Radio Segments	Beth, Gabi, Rosalinda, Tracy
Jan. 2012	Seattle Channel	Beth, Heather Murphy
Dec-Jan 2012	Pariah tickets outreach to community	Katrina
1/13/12	Highline Public Schools Mental Health Family Resource Fair	Katrina

Upcoming: Phinney Neighborhood Center film screening

Future Seattle Channel needs: Mathew, Tracy, and Gabi are willing to help out with future interviews

Some changes to how trainers report the work they do for SSC. Orientation for new trainers is coming up. If you're interested please contact Katrina: katrina@safeschoolscoalition.org

(8) Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) MEMBERSHIP & GSBA AWARDS DINNER – Beth

- c) GSBA has comped us a membership; thank you SO much.
- d) **Heather Carter will be receiving the GSBA's 2012 Community Leader of the Year Award!** Beth will attend and so will Heather's parents and partner ☺ The event is **Thursday February 16th**, 5:30-9:00 pm, at the Seattle Marriot. Governor Gregoire will speak. Other awesome folks will receive awards. Get your ticket [here](#) and come support Heather!

(9) WEB SITE(S) REPORT – Gabi

- c) **Statistics for month of December and for 2011:**
 - Total Page Views: **65,075**
 - Average Page Views per Day: **2,099**
 - Average Page Views per Visitor: **2.06**
 - Total Visitors: **31,643**
 - Average Visitors per Day: **1,020**
- d) **Annuals for 2011**
 - Total Page Views: **709,076**
 - Average Page Views per Day: **1,865**
 - Average Page Views per Visitor: **1.145**
 - Total Visitors in 2011: **391,023**
 - Average Visitors per Day: **1,071**

- e) **Pages on the website now:**
 Webpages: 467 + listserv archives: 267
 Total: 734 not counting pdf files
- f) Beth, Gabi, and Michelle met to talk about the website and renewing Gabi's contract for 2012 with an additional 2 hours (approximately) per week. They started the meeting by highlighting Gabi's successes in 2011:
 - There were 921 pages as of last week, this includes PDF's.
 - Thanks to the leadership from the Youth, and many hours of detailed work by Gabi, most, if not all of our links have been converted from showing the url to a title link that Gabi keeps updating.
 - Our Facebook page became much more active in 2011 than previously.
 - The pages or sections that have been created or thoroughly updated in 2011 and drawn wonderful reviews include;
 - a. [The Law and Policy section](#)
 - b. The [posters](#) and [lesson plans](#) available, including a wonderful [Harvey Milk Day curricula](#) (Thanks to Gabi and also to California Safe Schools Coalition and the GSA Network)
 - c. [The Transgender and Gender Variant Youth](#) section

(10) LISTSERV REPORT – Michelle, Beth

- c) **We currently have a total of 798 subscribers.** That is a drop in the bucket for the true reach of the list serve content when we include forwarding and sharing with students and colleagues
- d) Welcome to our new subscribers from:

→ <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	→ <i>Poulsbo, WA</i>
→ <i>Shawano, WI</i>	→ <i>Washington, MD</i>
→ <i>Bellevue, WA</i>	→ <i>Millburn, NJ</i>
- e) Our current staffing, mostly volunteer, of the listserv is as follows:
 - **News** – Corey Bernstein (Robyn Walters is Corey's back-up)
 - **Jobs, Internships** – We are speaking with a new volunteer for this or the Lesson Planning Guides list. Her name is Colleen Mullins.
 - **Events** – Nik Donia
 - **Opinion** – Julie Parmenter
 - **Lesson Planning Guides** – We'd like to welcome a new volunteer to our Coalition who will be taking care of this list. Her name is Colleen Mullins.
 - **Right Wing Watch** – Ryan Schwartz
 - **Legislative/Elective messages and Fundraising** – Gabi Clayton
 - **Action Items, Resources, Help Needed** – Beth Reis
- f) We are putting off doing the large scale re-subscription to all lists until March or April due to the high amount of responsibility shifting we've had to do with the cut back to Beth's Safe Schools Coalition hours.

(11) INTERVENTION TEAM REPORT – Penny

- c) Calls via KCSARC (King County Sexual Assault Resource Center) = 33

with calls from same individual that we cannot contact using the information he gives. 11 besides this person

- d) Safe Schools Coalition Intervention requests requiring an intervention specialist:
- Caller is in Kansas, and is calling for help for the two granddaughters she is raising. She reports both girls (teens) have been bullied. One has been harassed and bullied on the basis of her perceived sexual orientation although her grandmother reports she does not identify as LGBT. Grandmother has contacted the school, but has not received a call back. The main offending student cannot be suspended for this behavior based on her IEP. Grandmother is looking for help working with the school. We phoned with local contacts.
 - Caller was from Bizbuilder in Vancouver, WA. He is hoping to get some information about Safe Schools and see how they can help Safe Schools and Safe Schools can help Clark County where the caller's agency is. He also stated that there is a meeting on 1/26 at noon that he was hoping to have information to share at or even a SS person be able to attend. Katrina will attend.
 - Caller was mom from Montana. She was calling about her 15yo daughter who lives with dad and step-mom. Mom stated that her daughter is being harassed and threatened by kids and parents and the school and her dad will not help her. Her daughter is depressed and anorexic now and her grades went from A's to failing. Caller stated that she only gets to talk to her daughter on Sundays and see her on vacations and she is very concerned about her. Intervention Specialist called.

(12) HEALTHY YOUTH SURVEY – Beth

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

(13) FISCAL REPORT – Michelle

- a) We ended the year with close to a \$45,000 balance in the bank.
- b) 7 individual donations since last meeting – thank you all:
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| → Pam Jensen | → Chely Kim |
| → Kim Westheimer | → Janice Ritter |
| → Donna Jean Shaman | → Evan King |
| → Marcie Mathis | |

- c) King County Employee Giving reports for 2011 (4th quarter report not in yet)

1st quarter: 5 employees

2nd quarter: 3 employees

3rd quarter: 3 employees

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE: We ordinarily thank people by name in the minutes and we will do so in the future for these awesome people who are donating by payroll deduction, but we want to let them know here, first, that they can [contact us](#) if they prefer not to be named.

- d) **VOLUNTEERS TAKE NOTE:** The federal reimbursement rate for mileage in 2012 is .51 per mile

(14) LINKS & ALLIANCES – Beth

- a) We got a great thank you and certificate for participating in last year's Links and Alliances Conference

(15) Trevor Project update-Beth, Michelle, Heather

- a) Brainstorming with YSP and Trevor Project about potential partnerships and how to collaboratively manage overlapping work and fund-raising.

UPCOMING COALITION MEETINGS

All are welcome.

There are, as always, two ways to attend:

- The **face-to-face** meeting is at Planned Parenthood, 2001 E Madison, Seattle. Please park on the street, not in the lot, and keep your cell phone in your pocket until you get up to the 2nd floor. **And -- tedious as it sounds -- please sign in as you enter the building and again when you get to the meeting room and sign out as you leave.**
- For information about how to **call in**, contact that month's chair.

January 17th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Beth** facilitates for Heather M, **Heather C** records.

February 21st, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Mo** facilitates and **Frank** records.

March 20th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Matthew** facilitates and **Penny** records.

April 17th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Heather M** facilitates, **Heather C** records.

May 15th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Mo** facilitates and **Frank** records.

June 19th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Matthew** facilitates and **Penny** records.

July 17th, 2-4 pm Pacific Time. **Heather M** facilitates, **Heather C** records.

August 21st, 2-4 pm Pacific Time. **Mo** facilitates and **Frank** records.

September 18th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Matthew** facilitates and **Penny** records.

October 16th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Heather M** facilitates, **Heather C** records.

November 20th, 2012, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Mo** facilitates and **Frank** records.

December 18th, 2012, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Matthew** facilitates and **Penny** records.

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important addendum

HELP NEEDED: *Human Rights Campaign (HRC)'s Welcoming Schools program has a great video of kids talking about LGBT identity. Tracy Flynn, a local Welcoming Schools trainer would like to offer some type of forum- evening or weekend- where concerned educators/parents and guardians can watch the video and have a panel of folks ready to answer questions about it and other topics related to school safety, LGBT issues, resources etc. With an emphasis on the Welcoming Schools video but not exclusively. If you're interested in partnering and/or supporting this please contact Tracy: tflynn@seanet.com*