

Safe Schools Coalition (SSC) Meeting

Minutes 05/15/2012

Facilitating: Matthew Wilson

Recording: Airen Lydick

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(1) ATTENDEES: Matthew Wilson, SSC co-chair (in person)
Airen Lydick, SSC co-secretary (in person)
Gabi Clayton, SSC webspinner (via phone)
Katrina Pestano, SCC Speakers' Bureau Manager (via phone)

(2) SHARING TIME

(a) Gabi shared that Pizza Klatch is having a fundraiser on Saturday, June 9th in connection with Capitol City Pride. The fundraiser is a dog show. Pizza Klatch provides free pizza, facilitation, and resources in 9 schools around Thurston County. Money raised on June 9th will be used to pay for pizza and facilitation. More information is available at pizzaklatch.org.

(b) Gabi shared that Capitol City Pride is June 8th and 9th.

(c) Matthew shared that Grand Cinema in Tacoma is currently screening *Bully*. Matthew will be hosting a community discussion there at 5:30 p.m. after the 3:30 p.m. screening of the film this Friday, May 18th.

(d) Airen shared that registration is still open for this year's Camp Ten Trees summer camp sessions. Each of the two sessions is about half full at this time and both are expected to fill up prior to the registration deadline of July 15th. More information is available at camptentrees.org.

(e) Katrina shared she is working on setting up a staff development training for youth workers. It will likely occur in early July and involve four to five sessions over two weeks. The sessions will each be 1-1/2 to 2 hours in length and will be a series; however, folks will be able to sign up for individual sessions. Katrina may be contacting SSC leadership team members to recruit facilitators. Katrina will share more information on this training as it develops further.

(3) REPORT: MEMBERSHIP *(submitted by Michelle Munro)*

There is nothing to report.

(4) REPORT: FINANCES *(submitted by Michelle Munro)*

There have been no new expenses since Katrina's trip back east.

(5) REPORT: BULLYING LAW & PUBLIC POLICY WORKGROUP *(submitted by Gabi Clayton)*

There is nothing to report yet.

(6) REPORT: SPEAKERS' BUREAU MANAGER and OUTREACH *(submitted by Katrina Pestano)*

Katrina met with Cody regarding his art project in middle schools. Cody is looking for youth to model now. Katrina will be sending out information to schools. **IF YOU HAVE ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTACTS WHO MIGHT WANT TO PARTICIPATE, INFORM KATRINA.**

Katrina needs to order and/or prepare outreach materials for Seattle pride month events. SSC has distributed outreach materials at Seattle pride month events in the past, and Katrina noted that there is a grant to fund some outreach materials. Katrina is seeking input as to what sort of outreach materials should be ordered. Discussion highlighted that plans seem to be in the works for SSC presence in the Seattle pride weekend parade again this year. Katrina will e-mail the leadership team to let them know that she needs to order supplies and needs

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information on where/how those supplies will be distributed so that the most fitting materials can be ordered.

Katrina also submitted the following information on the work of the Speakers' Bureau & Training Team as well as Outreach efforts:

Speakers' Bureau & Training Team:

Date:	Location:	Trainers:	Audience Total:
4/20	Americorps Just Serve	Katrina, Julz	12
4/23	Hamilton Middle School GSA	Heather Murphy	6
4/27	Americorps MLK Vista	Briana, Nathan	11
5/1	Brettler Family Place	Leah	18
5/4	Roosevelt HS Youth Summit	Jessica	48

Pending: Orion Youth Leadership Council
Chief Sealth High School
Orca Race and Identity Mini-Conference

Outreach:

Date:	Location:	Tablers:
4 th Thursday/mo. 2012	WFHB Radio Segments Seattle Channel	Beth, Gabi, Rosalinda, Tracy Beth, Heather Murphy
5/4/2012	International School Senior Project	Jessica
5/12/2012	Spring Family Symposium Resource Fair	Katrina

(7) REPORT: WEBSITE *(submitted by Gabi Clayton)*

Gabi has been exploring Constant Contact as a potential new home for the SSC e-mail lists. Airen is familiar with Constant Contact and offered to meet with Gabi to show her around the service, if desired.

Gabi presented the following data:

The top referring sites for the previous year:

- <http://journalofeducationalcontroversy.blogspot.com>
- <http://azjuvenileprisonwatch.blogspot.com>
- <http://schools.lenoir.k12.nc.us>
- <http://healthsafetysecurityincte.blogspot.com>
- <http://transgenderexpress.tumblr.com>
- <http://xxboy.tumblr.com>
- <http://www.nationalhomeless.org>

Top referring search engines:

- <http://www.google.com> / google.ca / google.co.uk / google.com.au
- <http://www.bing.com>
- <http://search.yahoo.com>
- <http://www.ask.com>

Mystery referrer:

- <http://www.freakinfreebies.com>

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(8) REPORT: INTERVENTION *(submitted by Penny Palmer)*

(a) King County Sexual Assault Resource Center = 7 calls

(b) Mother called because her gay son had been suspended which was not an issue.

However, when he was placed in suspension at school the VP told the teacher he was a “lost cause” and repeated this to the child when the child asked. Mother was very concerned as child is fragile and has tried suicide in the past.

(c) 16 yr old girl being bullied by 18 yr. old in an alternative school. Mother was very afraid of retaliation so we will wait to see if bully returns after a suspension. Mom will call back if she need further help.

(d) We had a face book page contact in which mother felt we only helped the LGBT community and she was very concerned about her daughter who was being bullied. We responded that we do help anyone we can. She was provided my contact number but has not called.

(e) A dad called after witnessing an assault on school property. He reported the incident but did not feel enough was being done so he called SSC. We chatted at length and he also called King County Sexual Assault Resource Center for additional recommendations. He may file a formal complaint with the district and the police dept. Ongoing

(f) 15 yr old boy was being harassed at school, on Face book and Twitter. Mom was contacted and given resources to check.

(g) A first grader has been bullied since the first day of school. Mom is very concerned and does not feel her child is safe. We are working with the mother and the district. Mother has also filed a police report.

(9) NEW BUSINESS: ADVERTISING IN SEATTLE GAY NEWS “PRIDE EDITIONS”

SGN is offering a special deal (three consecutive weeks –June 15th, 22nd, and 29th editions– for the price of one week), in addition to the regular non-profit discount, for advertisers next month. Possibilities were discussed, and the consensus seemed to be that a black and white “quarter page” advertisement for \$210 would be reasonable. Gabi is willing to work on an advertisement. A decision needs to be made as to which “quarter page” dimensions would be best. There are four “quarter page” size options, ranging from tall and narrow to wide and short. (NOTE: An example of last June’s SGN advertisement is available for review. Contact Gabi if you’d like to see it.) Matthew will send out an e-mail to the leadership team to gauge what sort of focus people want for the advertisement.

(10) NEW BUSINESS: IS THERE INTEREST IN CHANGING THESE MEETINGS TO PHONE-IN ONLY?

Matthew asked for discussion around the idea of changing the Safe Schools Coalition meetings to “phone-in only,” meaning that all participation would be via phone, not in person at Planned Parenthood. Katrina offered that face-to-face meetings are good and that she knows calling can be more convenient; she suggested the possibility of a rotating schedule with face-to-face meeting quarterly and phone-in only meetings the remainder of the time. Airen offered that a rotating schedule could be helpful in finding a balance between convenience and having a sense of community...and that it could be challenging for people to keep track of which

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meetings were the face-to-face meetings. **IF YOU HAVE FEEDBACK ON THIS TOPIC, PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO THE SSC LEADERSHIP TEAM. THANK YOU.**

(11) ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS, ETC.

(a) **GiveBIG Results – Safe Schools Coalition received 15 gifts through The Seattle Foundation’s GiveBIG on May 2nd. These gifts totaled \$695. Thanks to all who donated!**

(b) There is a “Pride Picnic” (organized by Seattle Out And Proud) in Volunteer Park on Saturday, June 16th. The even will include a low-cost picnic lunch, entertainment, and some information booths.

(c) This year’s Gender Spectrum Conference (a Berkley, California-based conference dedicated solely to the needs of gender diverse kids, and the families, friends, and community of professionals surrounding them) is July 13th – 15th. More information can be found at genderspectrum.org.

(d) This year’s Gender Odyssey Conference (a Seattle-based conference focused on the needs and interests of transgender and gender non-conforming people) is August 2nd – 5th. More information can be found at genderodyssey.org.

(e) Save the Date of October 27th, 2012 for the Washington State Association for Multicultural Education (WSAME) Conference. Past conferences focused on discussing the “privilege gap” and the “education gap,” and this year’s theme is the “job gap.” The conference will be held at North Seattle Community College.

(12) NEXT MONTH’S MEETING AGENDA

Gabi requests feedback on brochures.

UPCOMING SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION MEETINGS

All are welcome.

There are, as always, two ways to attend:

- The **face-to-face** meeting is at Planned Parenthood at 2001 E Madison in Seattle. Please park on the street, not in the lot, and keep your cell phone in your pocket at least until you get up to the second floor. Also, please sign in and get a guest name tag as you enter the building, and sign in again when you get to the meeting room. Finally, when you leave, sign out and turn in your visitor name tag at the front desk.
- If you would like to participate in the meeting **via phone**, please contact the person chairing/facilitating the meeting to get the necessary information.

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

July 17th, **2-4 pm** Pacific Time. **Michelle** facilitates, **Airen** 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. **Michelle** facilitates, **Airen** records.

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

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