AUSD LGBTQ Round Table
March 26, 2015, 8:45-10:45 am

**Attendance:** Sarah Campbell, Susan Davis, Terri Elkin, Anne Faria-Poynter, Olivia Higgins, Gene Kahane, SB McKenna, Henry Villareal,

**Calendar Review for April & June**

We will have a meeting on April 23rd despite the AUSD spring break. At the May meeting we will decide if we are going to meet in June and/or July.

**AHS Pride Gallery Share Out: Sarah Campbell**

The event went quite well. Almost all English classes attended. The AHS administration was supportive and would like to host additional events next year, which might be a screening of *Facing Fear*.

**GSA Check- In: Sarah Campbell, AHS**

1. GSA will not lead the Safe Space poster design work.
2. Alameda hosted a *Day of Silence* event.
3. Help requested for virtual storage of GSA documents. Susan will create a google doc.
4. Sabeena Shah is the new advisor of the AHS GSA meeting.

**Harvey Milk Day Event update: Gene Kahane**

1. Event will be hosted by Alameda High, Thursday, May 21st between 6-8 PM
2. Jim Franz is going to arrange to pay for the posters/poem contest. Contest submissions are due on April 21st.
3. Mark Sorenson and his family are sponsoring the East Bay Gay Men’s Choir
4. $1,000 - left in Alameda Harvey Milk Day budget
5. Victoria Forrester will be the key-note speaker
6. Gene Kahane will send poster submissions to Susan Davis. Susan will post on the AUSD LGBTQ RT page.
7. Milk Presentation includes:
   a. Dancers from Alameda and Encinal High
   b. East Bay Men’s Choir
   c. Community reading of Todd Parr’s *It’s Okay to be Different.*
   d. Community Leadership Honor
   e. City/District proclamations will be read

**Other Milk Highlights/Updates:**

1. Sarah and the AHS GSA will lead a community open-participation activity, perhaps a collective art activity? AUSD will provide materials.
2. Laura Rose is organizing community groups/faith leaders to table and provide food
3. Terri will follow up with identifying how many schools have Open Houses that same night
4. Next Harvey Milk meeting is at 5 PM on April 14th at 5 PM at First Congregational Church on Santa Clara

Teacher Leader Update: Olivia Higgins

1. The 2nd of three Teacher Leader (TL) meetings happened on March 18th
2. A letter written by an Alameda parent of gender-creative student was read and shared with the TL
3. One TL provided an update on the April 15th AEA LGBTQ event. RT members who are not AEA members are not invited.

AR Transgender: Terri Elkin

The OUSD AR was reviewed by Sean McPhetridge. Superintendent McPhetridge will share the final AR with the school board. Terri will let us know when the board will hear about the AR so we may attend to show our support.

Safe Space Poster: Olivia Higgins

1. The May meeting will be used to finalize the AUSD Safe Space posters.
2. The image will be the same for elementary and secondary levels, but the language might be different.
3. Everyone should bring samples of Safe Space posters to the May 21 work group meeting.
4. Once the poster is completed, we can share with charter schools and other schools in Alameda.

Participation/Attendance for RT- Anne Faria-Poynter

RT members who are going to be absent should?

1. Let Anne know that you will be absent via email.
2. If you need to miss 3 or more meetings, please contact Anne Faria-Poynter in order to discuss your personal need to be out. This can be done via email or through phone.
3. Read the meeting notes from the date you were absent prior to attending the next meeting in order to be prepared and up to date.
4. If you have further clarifying questions pertaining to the meeting notes, contact Anne for assistance. This is requested in order to keep the flow of our following meeting productive and forward moving.

Update - Sean Cahill resigned from the group.

Other Items:

1. RT discussed the possibility of hosting a social and meeting in Fall 2015
2. Need to clarify the goals and objectives need to be reviewed.