LGBTQ RT Notes from 5/26/16 Meeting

Present: Ella Burk, Kaitlin Alcontin, Audrey Human, Kale Jenks, Gene Kahane, Olivia Higgins, Aidan Mien, Henry Villareal, Anne Faria-Poynter, Susan Davis, Jenn Williams

1. Out of Buttons. Will make new buttons at the next RT Meeting on 6/23/16. Audrey Hyman will support effort with $500.00.

2. 4th of July Parade: Olivia/Jenn support with $100.) donation each. Susan will highlight parade activity in Alameda Journal column. The LGBTQ RT will sponsor the float entry in the parade. Laura Rose contacted Ella to assist.

3. Catherine Bernal from the City of Alameda’s Community Development office contacted Olivia to ask about gay pride activities to add to City advertisement.

4. Poster/Poem update – Gene. Shared winners and Susan will add this info to the Alameda Journal column, too.

5. Teacher Leader update – Olivia: Did presentation at ACCYF meeting. New Latino and African American roundtables in the works in AUSD. Olivia is meeting with Terri next week re: 2016-2017SY plans for TL efforts. Tip sheet for new trans policy/name change drafted and Olivia will share with RT when finalized.

6. RT Leadership moving forward: Anne will co-chair with students who will facilitate meetings. New GSA leaders will be invited. GSA’s decide who they send to RT meetings. RT staff can invite attendees, too. AHS still looking for new teacher sponsor.

7. AHS Update – Aidan. Sex vs. gender education presentation occurred at AHS and LGBTQ issues part of discussion.
8. EHS Update – Ella. Need to set up a meeting to coordinate 4th of July parade float. Kale helped with a sex ed workshop. Rocky Horror fundraiser was fun even though it did not raise $.

9. Family life curriculum – Anne. Curriculum needs to be updated to include more diverse books. Hyman reported that new curriculum may need new tentative committee approval next year pending teacher negotiations. Terri indicated she has money left in her budget and can purchase new books. Options discussed: “It’s OK to be Different,” “The Great Big Book of Families,” “What Makes a Baby,” “Two Boys Kissing,” “I am Jazz,” “George,” “Sex is a Funny Word.”

10. Gene announced that the Harvey Milk Day scholarship this year goes to Aidan Mien!

11. Revisited conversation about site book clubs and need to have forum to develop deeper conversations at HS sites. Sometimes uncomfortable with straight allies in the room; Higgins reported that OUSD dealt with this issue by breaking up GSA and QSA groups.