9/24/15 LGBTQ Roundtable Meeting Minutes

Members present:
Anne Faria-Poynter
Olivia Higgins
Susan Davis
Terri Elkin
Gene Kahane
Henry Villareal
Aydrey Hyman
Aidan Mieu
Katie Ly
Jennifer Williams

I. Update on LGBTQ History Month: Audrey contacted all MS GSA reps to discuss history month but only Lincoln responded; will reach out again.

A. Terri covered Proclamation Plans for 9/29/15 Board of Education meeting (6:30 p.m., City Hall): Proclamation will be read during public comment. Folks who want to attend meet outside chambers by 7:00 p.m. Plan is to read the proclamation then have students talk about plans for LGBTQ History Month. Students encouraged to attend. Terri will contact Ella Burk re: her plans for that evening.

II. Update on Safe Schools Poster: Terri/Olivia.

Updated draft shared with group. The word “voluntary” that was previously included in the pledge and the signature line removed after meeting with Superintendent and round table members including district staff. Concerns about not mentioning the word “straight” addressed by including the word “orientation,” which includes “straight.” Susan Davis will create vocabulary list that will go on the back of the poster to assist teachers with the definitions of words on the poster. Plan is to ask designer to make AUSD logo and the pledge in larger font; attempts will be made to not dissect “faith” at the top of the shield and to eliminate text box shadow.

A. Roll out: 10/5 staff meeting at Encinal will be first roll out. Four staff meetings will occur before 10/13 so not enough time for remaining sites to roll out poster by 10/13 but hopefully by the end of October. Terri will create schedule of staff meetings and share with group so high school GSA students can attend with posters.

B. Tip sheet created by Olivia and will be included with posters to assist staff.
C. Principals at elementary schools will lead discussions at staff meetings. Gene to assist at Earhart.

D. Jenn/Gene will contact Jennifer Hastings and get back on PTAC agenda for October meeting to share poster and roll out plans.

III. LGBTQ Curriculum Update: Terri Elkin

Terri stated the working group made up of District staff has not had any additional meetings since last RT meeting. Current life class at Jr. Jets reported that “That’s a Family” video by Groundspark productions very helpful. Groundspark has a number of videos with very rich activity guides but films are somewhat dated (MS – “Let’s Get Real,” HS – “Straightlaced,” and “Elementary.”) These videos are not currently part of AUSD formal curriculum. Olivia had some concerns due to “That’s a Family” being outdated and poor response in other districts. Audrey proposed having AEA sponsor nighttime work groups for elementary, MS, and HS to share what films are available to discuss LGBTQ issues. Terri proposed this type of information could also be provided during teacher leader trainings. More conversation to follow.

A. Terri plans on convening district curriculum group again to continue to work on lessons. Plan is to continue working to revise/update K-5 lessons, which already exist, and to create MS and HS lesson plans by the end of this school year. Lessons may be rolled out during social studies class.

B. Aiden said that AHS GSA Teacher rep, Mr. Tony Manno, discussed idea to do joint workshop between GSA and Black Student Union on biracial marriage and Stonewall for history piece for junior classes. Terri will reach out to Mr. Manno to ensure he has been invited to participate in curriculum working group if he is not already doing so.

IV. Calendar Update – Susan Davis

Susan reported that calendar on the District website is up to date. The proclamation has been added. Updated RT staff members and titles during meeting. Student reps will be added. Anne reported that a para-professional at Franklin wants to join the RT but there is an issue with coverage and sub pay. The budget for subs for this purpose is not clear, and time at the RT does not county as “extra duty” hours because not site specific. Audrey/Susan/Terri to address sub pay for these meetings.

V. Anne adjourned meeting at 10:15 a.m.
Update on Safe Schools Poster

I think "meeting with District legal counsel and staff" should read "meeting with Superintendent and round table members including district staff".