December 10, 2015 LGBTQ Roundtable Meeting Notes

Present: Olivia Higgins, Terri Elkin, Audrey Hyman, Anne Faria-Poynter, Henry B. Villareal, Kale Jenks, Gene Kahane, Ella Burk, Kaitlin Alcontin, Katie Ly, Aidan Mien, Susan Davis, Jenn Williams

1. GSA Needs – Adrian, Katie, Kaitlin, Ella

- Float needs - $1250.00 needed for 4th of July float. This includes cost to rent flatbed and generator, decorations, candy, etc.
  - Folks named on banners donate. CTA Grant to Audrey/AEA that supports GSAs can help with specific items, like possibly the flatbed rental.
  - Button revenue may assist
- GSA Assembly:
  - Speakers cost $, poetry night would cost $ too
  - Reached out to Ryan Quesada, a trans musician but $$
  - Olivia suggests Destiny Arts or SF Cheer for entertainment
  - Henry suggests Willie Wilkinson, author, for potential speaker

2. Buttons – Katie, Audrey

- Terri to order 1K of 1.25, 1.5” buttons
- Next RT meeting will be button meeting – 1/7/16, 3:30 p.m., Wood Middle School, Pod C4

3. LGBTQ Teen Book Club – Gene

- On hold until post holidays because Books, Inc. events employee left.
4. Maine Elementary School “I am Jazz” Book Support – Gene

- Gene reached out to principal and principal grateful for contact after Scott Hennessey of Fox News created furor over “I am Jazz” book being read by students at this school. Principal received death threats. RT agrees to share our poster and send RT letter in support. Gene to draft, Olivia to assist with poster.

5. Harvey Milk Day 2016 Possible Theme – Gene

- Discussion had re possible theme for this year’s event. First planning meeting in Jan. We reviewed prior year’s events. Goal this year is to publicize better to kids/staff. Get kids more involved, helps to have dynamic speakers or events that inspire involvement (dance, film festival, food).
- Trans focus? Women focus?
- Olivia wants to see more of a school focus with possible field trips for all AUSD students at Kofman/Encinal High.
- Celebrate others besides Milk?

6. Teacher Leader Update – Olivia

- 12/9/15, second TL training. Went well. 16 staff showed up. Discussed poster and what staff will do with it and how staff can incorporate into curriculum. Discussed gender and what it means for youth. TL’s expected to implement poster at each site and discussed how to do that.
- Went over plans for each site. Olivia’s contract has limited technical assistance hours so she cannot go to each individual site for support but can focus efforts on some individual sites that need particular assistance.
- Other TL’s will need to lead, get involved and perhaps train at sites that need help. Stipends for these leaders can extend to
these hours spent assisting other sites. Don’t want to punish TLs that show up/participate but want to encourage leadership in this area.

- Audrey willing to engage teachers to lead/share info in this area. Some new teachers willing to get involved.

7. New Membership Application – Olivia

- Olivia created membership application in google dox. Reviewed application during meeting. RT agrees the application looks great. Olivia will share with group and folks can email suggestions/modifications. Will add optional pronoun language.
- Discussed idea to create membership subcommittee with members from each group on RT to review applications/respond.

8. Other business

- SSHRB voted to co-sponsor poster at December meeting. Item will be considered by full City Council at 12/15/15 meeting on consent calendar. If Council agrees to support, we can add city logo to poster. Superintendent McPhetridge will appear. Others may attend.
- Feb. meeting will be 2/25/16.