AUSD LGBTQ Round Table Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 23, 2013
2060 Challenger Dr. Alameda, CA.

Attendance: Sean Cahill, Henry Villareal, Terri Elkin, Zoe Holder, Claudia Medina, Sean McPhetridge, Olivia Higgins, Jennifer Williams, Tita Valeriano

Check In - Sean noted that he and Henry had met and determined that it would be helpful to provide an overview of the purpose of a check in at each meeting. Sean explained that the check in was an opportunity to allow participants to share their thoughts, feelings and perspectives on developments or activities that impact one’s involvement with the work that we are doing as a Round Table. Such sharing allows members to remain focused on the goals of the Round Table and also provides support to the group as we continue with our important work.

Co-Chair Reports:
Henry, reported that he had recently attended the eQuality Scholarship Collaborative 24th Annual Awards Dinner. He noted that recipients were primarily high school students who had established programs at their schools that brought awareness of LGBTQ issues. Henry also reflected on the success of the Harvey Milk Day event. He noted there was an excellent turnout with 300 plus people in attendance. Program highlights included Oakland East Bay Gay Men’s Chorus, elementary students reading the Harvey Milk Day Story, acknowledgement of the poetry and poster contest winners, and the outstanding keynote presentation by Anne Kronenberg. He thanks all who contributed to event. Special acknowledgement was extended to Jim Franz who did an outstanding job as co-chair in coordinating and fundraising for the event.

Sean met with Sean McPhetridge to discuss the role of the AUSD in relation to the LGBTQ Round Table. …

Other
Sean M presented the idea of have an Equity Round Table which would be compromised of representatives from the LGBTQ Round Table and community representatives representing racial, ethnic and possibly faith groups. That was some discussion of the possibility of the LGBTQ Round Table evolving into the Equity RT but there was mixed reaction with some members expressing concern that issues pertinent to LGBTQ community would be lost in the broader group. This topic will be further discussed in future meetings.

Web Resource Listings:
Members reported on their respective work related to LGBTQ websites that might be included on the AUSD LGBTQ Round Table website. Member lists of the approved websites including brief descriptions were to be submitted to Sean Cahill who will in turn forward the collective list to Claudia Medina who will post them to the district website.

Next meeting June 27th, 8:45-10:45 am.
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