AUSD LGBTQ Roundtable
Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2014

Attendance: Saul Bromberg, Sean Cahill, Terri Elkin, Anne Faria-Poynter, Olivia Higgins, Sandra Hoover, Audrey Hyman, Gene Kahane, Daniel McCormick, Sb McKenna, Laura Rose, Henry Villareal,

1. **Pride, Prom, and Community Photo Exhibit**

Update: Saul and Sandra provided background information about their photography exhibit highlighting Gay Pride from 80’s to the 20th Annual Hayward Gay Prom. We viewed and discussed photos from the exhibit. Alexis Ogdie is leading efforts to bring the exhibit to Encinal on 10/30 as part of LGBTQ History Month. Alexis put together historical information for the teachers.

**Discussion:**

We considered which photos should be included in order to capture the spirit of the exhibit while also minimizing potential backlash.

Gene described some concerns from Encinal staff including: appropriateness of certain images, teacher prep time needed to implement, and the timing of the exhibit as part of LGBTQ History Month rather than having these type of history lessons be part of the standard curriculum.

Encinal principal wants History department to lead this work. Students will write a response to the question: Is this just a Parade?

Gene will check-in with Alexis Ogdie about having other schools attend, either during the day and/or afterwards. If a community viewing will be possible, we will need an electronic invitation to send out via various on-line avenues.

Gene made the connection of the photography exhibit to the book his students are reading titled *Two Boys Kissing.*

2. **Alameda Queer Youth Group** SB McKenna informed us about a group they’re forming as part of Alameda Family Services for youth 18 and under. Goals of the program include: opportunities for socializing, check-in, advocacy and whatever the participants are interested in.

**Discussion:**

Help is needed to get the word out about this new group. Using social media and connecting with ACCYF were two suggestions.

Daniel suggested the group be a social one. Hosting the group at the library might be a turn off because people might think it is an academic based group.
Sb will attend the next GSA mtg. at Encinal HS to promote the program. Laura will connect Sb with the GSA leader at Lincoln as well. Other possible connections for outreach: East Bay Gay Men's Book club meets at Books Inc., the Boys and Girls club and the Alameda Parks and Recreation underground teen group.

3. **Website**

   Terri and Susan added a new “button” for our AUSD LGBTQ RT page on the homepage. They will make updates to our webpage based on our monthly discussions. Each subsequent RT mtg. will include a web update.

   *Discussion:*

   By Nov 2nd send Terri: the email you would like publish on the web, bio/photo and your relevant titles such as Alameda Harvey Milk Committee or AUSD teacher for the homepage. Audrey requested to have her name on the home page and will add additional information, including bio and picture later.

   At the next meet we will review roles of individual RT members and what each person’s RT title should be. For example, Anne Faria-Poynter, RT Co-Chair

   Calendar information such as Bullying Prevention Spirit Day and LGBTQ History Month need to be given to Terri on a regular basis so our information is up to date.

   Significant changes should be made at the RT meeting & not decided by individuals.

   Can we make it prettier? Should we have a logo? Maybe we can engage students to develop the logo or have it be the next Harvey Milk Day student contest.

4. **Teacher Leader program**

   Terri – The revised budget was approved and principals were notified. One concern is that teachers are on initiative over load. We need to move forward cautiously to gain important buy-in. Individual RT members may speak with the principals they know or work with to gather information about their commitment to the TL program. Olivia will support schools that do not indentify a TL.

   *Discussion:*

   We learn from other successful initiatives, such as the *Go Green* program. Michelle Kuttner at Bay Farm might be share info about this program. We can also refer to the history of this work and other teacher leader programs that were initiated.

5. **Curriculum**– Olivia emailed Sara Train from LA to get an update about the curriculum, but has not heard back. She also suggested we consider Teaching Tolerance’s new *Perspectives for a Diverse America* which is an anti-bias, social justice curriculum that reflects the common core. It is available for free on-line.
6. **CTA GLBT Conference.** AEA received a grant to send Gene to the CTA GLBTQ conference in San Diego from Nov. 14 – 16th. Gene will report on the conference at our next meeting.

7. **Facing Fear** was screened at Encinal. Gene coordinated the event, Sean C. and Olivia facilitated post-filming discussions. Overall the response was quite positive, but it might have helped to have a little more background information.

Many teachers thought it was successful model that should be copied throughout the year. It was a relatively easy day for the teachers to implement.

Harvey Milk Day committee helped with funding this event.

*Discussion:*

There is an opportunity to host a community screening with the subjects of the film Tim and Matthew and the Director Jason on January 20th. Audrey and Henry will talk to Jim Franz about funding. Olivia will email Jason to let him know we’re interested.

**Other Updates:**

Pride flag will be flying at City Hall for LGBTQ History Month.

Sean received the LGBTQ History Month Proclamation at the last City Council meeting. He was also acknowledged for being the recipient of the 2014 City of Alameda Community Service Individual Achievement Award. (Congrats!!)

**Next Meeting** reflects a change of date to accommodate Thanksgiving break. We will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, Nov 20th from 8:45-10:45

**Agenda Items include:**

1. Web update
2. Individual RT roles and responsibilities will be discussed, including titles.
3. Report out on the Pride, Prom and Community Photo Exhibit
4. Report on the GLBTQ CTA Conference that Gene will have attended.