LGBTQ Roundtable Minutes from 4/28/16 Meeting

Present: Kale Jenks, Susan Davis, Anne Faria-Poynter, Audrey Hyman, Aidan Vien, Ella Burk, Kaitlin Alcontin, Terri Elkin, Gene Kahane, Olivia Higgins, Jim Franz (ACCYF/SSHRB), Jennifer Williams

1. Gay pride float funding update – Jim Franz

- ACCYF will cover four $100 prizes for poster contest and $600 print fees.
- ACCYF is AUSD vendor. May assist with rental of flatbed truck but GSA members will have to advise him if this is necessary, amount needed, and who to make check out to by MAY 9.
- Jim wrote personal check ($100) to GSA for float; Williams to donate $100 in a manner to be determined. Olivia will donate, too.
- Christ Church is raising funds for ACCYF; Everyone Belongs Here campaign and SSHRB may also donate.
- Gene willing to open Harvey Milk Day account if necessary.
  Next step: talk with AUSD fiscal about club donations to see what is the best course of action to take.
- Gene: Impressed with how much GSAs are accomplishing with little money.
- Messaging: Discussed LGBTQ/gay pride float or “Everyone Belongs Here” focus; Ella supports float focusing on gay pride but incorporating EBH theme – will have shields to carry this year in parade.
- New advisor is Kevin McNulty
- Will use flatbed truck again.

$301 collected. Question is how to divide it. AEA will also buy $500 worth of buttons. This totals possibly $800 to go toward float.

GSA leaders will reach out to Lincoln/Wood GSA students and determine how to divide $$. Will report back at May meeting.

- If Lincoln/Wood GSAs do not have accounts, money cannot go to them. Terri sent emails to teacher advisors there to check.

3. Transgender AR – Terri

- ARIES made “preferred” name/gender page and “legal” name/gender page; preferred page will be seen by all (subs, teachers, staff, etc) and legal page will be used for transcripts/report cards, ACT/SAT
- Child can modify “preferred” page without parental consent; legal page requires legal name change and parental consent to modify (pursuant to AB 1266 interpretation)
- IT makes requested changes to system
- Many questions discussed regarding this AR:
  - What will diploma state (Gene says youth control this designation now)? Military questions? Jobs/work permits? In-state/out-of-state transfers? Schoolloop? Reporting absences?
  - How will calls home be handled? Huge training issue that must be addressed so that youth is aware about “preferred” status and what ramifications may be
  - Terri: Need to create educational info “tip sheet;” Olivia willing to do so.
  - Must reach out to families and clarify what this new AR means
  - Will add link on Student Services web page with explanation of new AR, how it works, how to make changes
Admin/counselors/staff must also be trained on confidentiality provisions that apply to these issues

4. Teacher Leader update – Olivia
   • Final TL meeting held last week.
   • Feedback needs: 1) students must have louder voice (video proposed, EBH gay event at AHS could be replicated with joint effort with EHS in assemblies at other sites; student-lead panel again); 2) additional training is needed and different needs exist at different sites; 3) need more relevant curriculum and books and lessons to help teachers/youth understand
   • Olivia will draft recommendations for AUSD and will share with RT
   • Gene: Need greater buy-in across district with TL meetings/efforts
   • Audrey: Would a webinar help? Olivia: perhaps for specific items but in-person training better to address overall attitudes and answer sensitive questions
   • Ally training should be included
   • Working on content for next year’s training – GSA members willing to inspire staff meetings moving forward at multiple sites; could include video or film for next year.

5. Harvey Milk Day design/slogan – Olivia/Gene
   • Should we remove HMD logo from EBH poster? Discussion ensued. GSA leader consensus is no, leave it on poster.

6. EHS GSA update – Kaitlin
   • Day of silence was successful; held lunchtime events, too
   • 4/29, fundraiser showing “Rocky Horror Picture Show,” 6:30-8:30 in dance room
   • Why day of silence when we have been silenced? Silence promotes thought and inquiry, good discussion.
• Will start to think about GSA RT attendees for next year

7. AHS GSA update – Aidan
  • Gray Area 2 playing at AHS – play about sexual harassment, rape, alcoholism and family dynamics
  • Prior movies at AHS also talked about bullying – Mean Girls, Footloose, Carrie
  • Day of silence at AHS success
  • 5/27 is Civil Rights Day – need trans speaker – Olivia will assist
  • Aidan graduating so will begin thinking about replacement; Katie will still attend.

8. Update from Kale:
  • May is Mental Health Month, has events planned for anxiety and depression week – presentations will occur at AHS, EHS, Island High including self-soothing techniques, crisis support key chains, and pamphlets for teachers covering risk factors, etc.
  • Will hold all-inclusive sex ed class on 5/18 at EHS in the school-based health center

8. Next steps –
  • Next meeting 5/26; will schedule 4th of July meeting at May meeting; date of July meeting?
  • Need to discuss size of group next year
  • Roles of co-facilitators