

**Minutes April 20, 2010, 3-5 p.m.  
Safe Schools Coalition Meeting  
Facilitating: Stefanie Fox; Recording: Matt Munson**

**Attending:** Beth Reis, Public Health -- Seattle & King County and SSC Co-Chair; Frieda Takamura, SSC Co-Chair; Hanna King, MPowerment at Lifelong AIDS Alliance, Garfield High School GSA, Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets (PSKS); Jill Van Glubt, Washington Education Association; Kyle Rapinan, Casey Family Programs and SSC Co-Chair; Matt Munson, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and SSC Co-Secretary; Shannon Perez-Darby, Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors Of Abuse, Stefanie Fox, SSC Co-Chair; Stephanie Taylor; Michael Profitt; Gabi Clayton, SSC Webspinner and PFLAG Olympia, Families United Against Hate and Youth Guardian Services

**(1) SSC LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- a) 15 minutes of **SHARING TIME**, where each person says a little about a current project, for networking purposes.
- Matt shared that the OutSpoken youth panel that spoke to his group of youth was outstanding!
  - Ellen DeGeneres is following Stephanie on Twitter and Stephanie will connect her with SSC events.
  - WEA conference on May 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> in Spokane. This conference will have an LGBT caucus. **Help needed- someone to help staff a booth in the vendor area for the duration of the conference, if interested, contact Jill at [Jill.Van\\_Glubt@washingtonea.org](mailto:Jill.Van_Glubt@washingtonea.org)**
  - NW Network is hosting a Trauma Stewardship day on May 21<sup>st</sup>. For more info please contact the NW Network at [Info@nwnetwork.org](mailto:Info@nwnetwork.org)
  - Queer Youth Space has applied for and received grant money, has hosted several successful events, and would like to thank SSC for their support!
  - Garfield GSA was featured on the front page of the student newspaper and received an award at Youthopolis. Dylan Orr, a Garfield alum (and former SSC speaker's bureau volunteer), returned to GHS and spoke with the GSA.

**(2) Healthy Youth Alliance Report**

HYA is a coalition of Washington organizations that are working with school districts to help them comply with the Healthy Youth Act. The Act states that schools that choose to teach sexuality education it must be medically accurate and culturally relevant to groups such as LGBTQ students. HYA works to educate school districts and supports legislative that will make the law more enforceable. Michael Profitt and Beth Reis are serving on HYA subcommittees.

**(3) IMPORTANT ALERT: Ultraconservative group recently sent a mailing to school superintendents nationally**

On March 31, 2010, a 60-member organization calling itself the "**American College of Pediatricians**" (**unaffiliated** with the 60,000 member **American Academy of Pediatrics**) sent a message to school superintendents nationwide misrepresenting data in order to discourage them from allowing their employees to affirm and support the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth in their care.

Although the Safe Schools Coalition rarely sends attachments to this listserv, I am making an exception so that you can see the template letter the American Academy of Pediatrics is encouraging its state affiliates to send to their own state's education officials distinguishing themselves from this fringe group and offering legitimate resources to school officials.

You will also find here: [www.transactiveonline.org/news/press\\_releases/pr\\_040610.htm](http://www.transactiveonline.org/news/press_releases/pr_040610.htm) a press release issued today by TransActive Education & Advocacy with support from some of

the **most well-respected researchers** in the field (Gary Remafedi, Michael Resnick, among others), researchers who have published, among them, dozens of studies of LGBTQ youth in legitimate peer-reviewed journals.

a) **Please refer your local superintendents and other school employees to legitimate resources regarding LGBTQ youth** such as:

→ a 2008 report endorsed by American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Association of School Administrators and nearly a dozen other large professional organizations entitled "*Just the Facts About Sexual Orientation and Youth: A Primer for Principals, Educators, and School Personnel*":  
<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/just-the-facts.pdf>,

→ a packet of materials endorsed by the National School Boards Association:  
[http://www.nsba.org/MainMenu/SchoolHealth/101Packets/SO-101\\_1.aspx](http://www.nsba.org/MainMenu/SchoolHealth/101Packets/SO-101_1.aspx)

→ A 2006 publication from the National Education Association entitled :  
[http://www.nea.org/assets/docs/mf\\_glbqtguide.pdf](http://www.nea.org/assets/docs/mf_glbqtguide.pdf)

b) At least one SSC listserv subscriber -- Jeffrey M. Poirier of the American Institutes for Research -- has already been contacted by a school district (in this case a Washington, DC area district) and has forwarded them our alert, above. Thanks, Jeff. Coalition works.

#### (4) LAW & POLICY WORK GROUP REPORT

a) **Upcoming Law & Policy Work Group Meeting. Date & Time, TBA**

**If you are interested in serving on this VERY important work group, please contact Lonnie [lonniejb@comcast.net](mailto:lonniejb@comcast.net)**

b) ACLU of Washington has agreed to update the Law & Policy pages of the SSC web site this summer and to partner (possibly with Lambda and Legal Voice, though we haven't had that part of the conversation yet) to maintain them over time. Thank you ACLU-WA!

c) **LGBT And Allied Groups Call On Congress To Pass Enda Now**

We missed United ENDA's Monday deadline to sign on, but would someone want to see if we can do so after the fact somehow or do our own? Contact people Calla Devlin Rongerude, Communications Director, NCLR, 415.392.6257 x324, Mobile: 415.205.2420, [crongerude@nclrights.org](mailto:crongerude@nclrights.org) and Justin Tanis, Communications Director, NCTE, 202.903.0112, Mobile: 505.610.7812, [jtanis@nctequality.org](mailto:jtanis@nctequality.org) and Inga Sarda-Sorensen, Director of Communications, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 646.358.1463, Mobile: 202.641.5592, [isorensen@theTaskForce.org](mailto:isorensen@theTaskForce.org) **Kyle will do this, thanks Kyle!**

d) HB 3026- This bill is designed to strengthen civil right protections for students with disabilities and those from diverse communities. OSPI will be hosting Town Hall meetings all over WA to help word the law, and people are encouraged to attend these meetings to provide input.

e) Matthew Shepard & James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Act meeting report: Beth was invited on behalf of SSC to a meeting with local police and prosecutors (Seattle, Tacoma), the FBI, and federal prosecutors along with local LGBTQ organizations. The meeting's purpose was to discuss the Act and to encourage using federal resources when appropriate in response to hate crimes. The FBI and US Attorney's Office are also encouraging all incidents to be reported, even the ones that are not prosecutable on a federal level, because they will start to track incidents. In states where no hate crimes laws are on the books, the FBI and US Attorney's Office will host large meetings (similar to this one but much bigger) and they agreed to invite school attorneys and security people.

This report generated lots of conversation about what SSC's stance is on further criminalization of people and whether or not SSC should be endorsing national legislation of hate crimes without further examination of the different intersections of oppression. SSC has clout, and there are questions on how we should wield this clout. There is a

need for a deeper examination of Queer Liberation with out further criminalization, and the attending group felt that this conversation deserved more dedicated time, so it has been tabled until the May meeting, provided that the May agenda can be cleared and rescheduled. **Beth will contact the scheduled speakers for the May meeting and see if they can reschedule for the June meeting.** If not, this deeper conversation will be tabled until the June meeting. There were also questions about how this conversation will be facilitated, and **Briana suggested that perhaps the National Coalition of Anti Violence Programming could, and she also agreed to look at the SSC website's PDF files to see if there are ways we can change the language from criminalizing to more peacemaking.** We are all asked to think about ways this perspective comes up for us in our work and we are all encouraged to attend the SSC meeting in May (or possibly June) where this conversation is discussed.

- f) **National version of the Law Quiz:** SSC website has a WA state quiz about LGBTQ legal issues in schools. It is the basis for the National Law quiz which currently being developed. WEA is spearheading the effort with editorial input from the ACLU, Lambda Legal, and NEA. A final document is close, and SSC would like to thank WEA for heading this effort, thanks!

#### (5) LISTSERV REPORT

- a) Welcome to new subscribers from:
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| → Seattle, WA (3) | → Crystal Lake, IL | → New York, NY |
| → Baker, LA       | → Mount Vernon, WA | → Richmond, CA |
| → Auburn, WA      |                    | → Olympia, WA  |

#### (6) WEB SITE(S) REPORT

- a) FACEBOOK pages, last week's data:  
→ +111 Fans this week (164 total Fans)  
→ 2 Wall Posts, Comments, and Likes this week (0 last week)  
→ 192 visits to your page this week (14 visits last week)
- b) Twitter will be linked to Facebook, and Stephanie Taylor will be the official SSC Twitter person! Thanks Stephanie!
- c) Motion to end updating the MySpace Page and link all info to the Facebook page, Kyle will do this. Thanks Kyle.
- d) Total page views in March, 2010: 54,240
- e) Total visitors in March, 2010: 40,121
- f) Total countries served in March, 2010: 110 including some with few other LGBTQ resources, for example:
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|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| → Antigua and Barbuda | → Jordan   | → Tuvalu        |
| → Kyrgyzstan          | → Uruguay  | → Swaziland     |
|                       | → Viet Nam | → Cocos Islands |

#### (7) MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- a) New member applications this month: Three Wings. Welcome to SSC Three Wings!
- b) Recent renewals (thank you!):  
→ Seattle PFLAG  
→ Turning Institute
- c) **If your organization has not renewed for 2010, please do. Go to [http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/members\\_join-renew.html](http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/members_join-renew.html)**

- (8) **GROUNDSPARK REQUEST FOR STRAIGHTLACED PARTNERSHIP** – SSC agreed to be an official partner for the Straightlaced campaign. Beth will forward response packet to Hanna, and Hanna will respond to Groundspark. Thanks Hanna!

**(9) INTERVENTION TEAM REPORT**

- a) **We worked on 10 interventions this month**, including 8 dispatched to us via our toll-free crisis line (~~866-SAFE-SAFE~~) staffed by the King County Sexual Resource Center’s hotline staff, 1 from Iowa received by Beth and passed to the Intervention Team and 1 ongoing from last month.
- b) Penny is working on getting 1 new Intervention Specialist trained and functioning and is also in conversation with 2 people interested in helping from outside the Western WA area.

**(10) MEDIA:** Beth was interviewed by the Seattle Times re: a serious incident resulting in a physical assault that happened at Mt. Si. Hanna is also interested in being interviewed, and Beth will forward the info to Hanna.

**(11)SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT –**

**a) Speakers Bureau & Training Team**

Date:	Location:	Trainers:	Audience Total:
3/23	Ingraham High School	Briana	30
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Upcoming: S. King Cty Reading Core – April 30  
 North Thurston High School – May 12  
 Pasco ESD w/ Planned Parenthood – May  
 PP Teen Council  
 Orca Race Forum – June 3

**b) Outreach**

Date:	Location:	Tablers:
4/14	Laramie Project/Sammamish High School	sent pamphlets

Upcoming: Child Safety Fair 4/24

**c) Youth Panels**

Date:	Location:	Audience Total:
4/5	Chief Sealth	
4/8	Nova High	10
4/13	West Seattle High	8
4/16	Teen Link	

Upcoming: Woodinville High 4/26  
 Ingraham High – May

**d) Announcements:**

**SSC Orientation Training for new volunteers: May 8, 10-2pm at Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, Leadership team is encouraged to attend. Interested in volunteering or attending to find out more? Contact [Briana@safeschoolscoalition.org](mailto:Briana@safeschoolscoalition.org)**

**(12) SSC MESSAGE PHONE:** Kyle asked what the future of the AFSC phone number will be once AFSC stops funding the speakers bureau. He suggested SSC get a google voice account to route relevant calls to relevant people throughout the day. Some concerns about this were that google would then own the info in the calls and

confidentiality would not be maintained. One suggestion was to make a voice mail message that clearly states that this is not a confidential phone line, and then giving the number for a confidential line. **HELP NEEDED - can YOUR member organization host a message phone number for SSC?**

### (13) FISCAL REPORT

- a) **HELP NEEDED: A volunteer has agreed to organize the web part of an online auction for the Coalition. We need 3 volunteers, anywhere in the world, to work with her on obtaining auction items and publicizing it. Interested? Contact: Michelle ... <mailto:michelle@safeschoolscoalition.org> Form letters are a successful way to get donations too, SSC can shoulder the cost of mailing letters, but we need a volunteer to draft letters and mail them out...is that volunteer you?**
- b) **HELP NEEDED: More phone banking, but on your own time in your pajamas! Contact Beth if you can help ... <mailto:beth@safeschoolscoalition.org>**
- c) Donors since last months' meeting include these *wonderful* individuals and families:
  - Penny Palmer
  - Rebecca and Patrick Marley
  - Carol VanGlubt
  - Nancy Munson, in honor of Matthew Munson
- d) As of March 31, 2010, the Coalition had assets of \$31,016.85. And we are about to pay the Center for Health Training (James Bowman Assoc) \$15,825 for Gabi's time through September 30, 2010.
- e) AFSC and future of OutSpoken- AFSC will stop funding OutSpoken and there are some other potential partners emerging. NW Network could be a potential partner, but SSC would have to pay the speakers and the coordinator. Three Wings would like to take over the speakers bureau, but in the short term is more focused on funding Queer Youth Space and is not able to take on OutSpoken right now. SYPP may also be interested in partnering.
- f) **WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS:** Fiscal Chair, Kathy Kaminski, did submit paperwork applying for SSC to join several workplace giving campaigns.
  - We are waiting to hear back from King County's campaign. So far, they tell us "We will be informing applicants in May about their inclusion into the program. Please note that there may be a conflict with Lifelong AIDS Alliance. Generally speaking, only one organization per Employer Identification Number may be in the program at one time. As we get closer, we will let you know." Contact person is Junelle Schrum ([Junelle.schrum@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Junelle.schrum@kingcounty.gov)). **HELP NEEDED: If you are a King County employee and you appreciate the option to donate to the Safe Schools Coalition, you might like to let her know.**
  - **HELP NEEDED: If your employer has a workplace giving campaign and where in the countrt, please let Kathy know how to contact them for next year's application!**
- g) **Please donate right now, online: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/donate.html> !!!!**

### (14) PRIDE PLANNING

- a) Seattle Gay News ads ... Look for SSC's strip ads, about an inch high and 10" wide that will run on the bottom of the page (\$50 per issue for the 3 pride issues).
- b) **Who can staff/chaperone the school bus in the Seattle parade?** (<mailto:LLove@seattleschools.org>)
- c) **Who can do a Costco run to feed the contingent?** (<mailto:LLove@seattleschools.org>)
- d) **To join the contingent** (ride in or walk with the bus, hand out goodies to the crowd, wave and rock the bus) contact Lisa Love <mailto:LLove@seattleschools.org> so we'll know

what kind of space we have and how much food and drink to have on hand. Elders and families and people with disabilities are encouraged to ride. GSAs and SSC member orgs are encouraged to walk/ride.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS** ... contact the chair if you have agenda items to suggest or if you need instructions about attending (in person) or calling in (by conference call). All are welcome - you do NOT need to be a Coalition member to attend.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**, 3-5 pm, Pacific Time. Frieda facilitates Penny records. Frieda: [questions@safeschoolscoalition.org](mailto:questions@safeschoolscoalition.org) **Including a SPECIAL PRESENTATION** by University of Washington researchers Betsy Wells and Marilyn Hoppe of their Q-Voices findings. Q-Voices was a two-year study of the health and service needs of LGBTQ young people, from the perspective of 14-19 year-old people themselves. **Those who can't attend in person will be able to access the meeting not only by phone, but also via the web, in order to see their findings. Contact Beth for details about how: [beth@safeschoolscoalition.org](mailto:beth@safeschoolscoalition.org) NOTE: This may be postponed until the June meeting, in light of item 4e (above). Watch your email for more information.**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**, 3-5 pm, Pacific Time. Kyle facilitates and Matt records. Kyle: 206-322-6711 ext 32190; [KRapinan@casey.org](mailto:KRapinan@casey.org)

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**, 3-5 pm, Pacific Time. Stefanie facilitates and Heather Carter records. Stefanie: 206-930-5174; [stefaniefox@gmail.com](mailto:stefaniefox@gmail.com)



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**Including an important discussion of the place of law enforcement in our work and the Coalition's philosophy about involving police. Those who can't attend in person will be able to attend by phone. Contact Beth for details about how: [beth@safeschoolscoalition.org](mailto:beth@safeschoolscoalition.org)**

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**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm (summer hours!!!)**

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