

Meeting Minutes 2-16-10, 3-5 p.m. PDT
Safe Schools Coalition Meeting
Facilitating: Frieda Takamura; Recording: Penny Palmer
TO DO ITEMS ARE IN RED

Attending in person: Frieda Takamura - SSC Co-Chair; **Penny Palmer** - SSC Co-Secretary and Intervention Chair; **Beth Reis** – Public Health – Seattle & King County and SSC Co-Chair; **Frank Couch** - SSC Intervention Specialist; **Matt Munson** - Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and SSC Co-Secretary; **Michael Profitt** – Seattle University (and formerly Idaho Safe Schools Coalition); **Sarah Houghland**; **Mikel Moss**.

Attending by phone: Gabi Clayton – Families United Against Hate, PFLAG-Olympia, Youth Guardian Services, and SSC Webspinner; **Trista Paulson** – Programs for Peaceful Living
http://www.wgap.ws/Peaceful_Living.php

INTROS ... welcome new faces/voices

(1) SSC LEADERSHIP TEAM

a) **New Co-secretary:** Penny Palmer, already serving as Intervention Team Chair, has agreed to serve as Co-secretary as well. Thank you, Penny.

(2) ANNOUNCING AWARD – Beth

The Safe Schools Coalition is proud to present the first ever **Claudette Colvin Social Justice Award** this 18th of February, in the year Twenty-Ten, to **The Associated Student Body of First Creek Middle School**, Tacoma, Washington for it's student-led assembly and school-wide teaching efforts in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and in recognition that teens working together can make the world more just.

The First Creek ASB's PowerPoint and lesson plans will be shared with the Safe Schools Coalition's listserv next fall, as a challenge to other ASB's to adapt it for use in their own schools and/or create other student-led, adult supported efforts to address prejudice and discrimination and to enhance social justice.

HELP NEEDED: If anyone knows of other student groups deserving recognition for developing social justice programs in the schools, please let us know. If you would like to serve on an award committee to decide who deserves the next Claudette Colvin Social Justice Award, please let us know (<mailto:beth@safeschoolscoalition.org>)

(3) NOTRE DAME'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER CARTOON – Frank

Last month we discussed a violently homophobic cartoon in the Notre Dame University student paper, *The Observer*. Frank agreed, then, to send a letter of protest on behalf of the Coalition. By the time we were ready to do that, a huge uproar, including among the University's own student body, had led to the firing of an editor, an apology from the paper and other follow-up on their part. So instead of a letter of protest, Frank sent a letter of appreciation for the paper's responsiveness and an encouragement to take additional steps:
<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/SSC-InterventionLetterToTheObserver-NotreDameIN-2010.pdf>

(4) SEATTLE CITY PARKS PROPOSED RULES – Beth

Last month we agreed that Safe Schools Coalition would protest proposed park rules that would have criminalized using the "wrong" bathroom for your gender; the proposed law was really only targeting butch lesbians and transgender individuals as any assaults in bathrooms are already illegal.. We spread the word quickly to Equal Rights Washington and, especially to the trans community and trans allies. The community expressed outrage. That part of the proposed rule was withdrawn. Thank you in particular to Councilmembers Tom Rasmussen & Sally Clark.

(5) LAW & POLICY WORK GROUP REPORT – Beth for Jennifer and Lonnie

a) Representative Lias' **anti-harassment bill** (HB2801-S)
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2009-10/Pdf/Digests/House/2801-S.DIG.pdf>
passed the full House of Representatives unanimously on Thursday. This bill requires

- *PFLAG Skagit Valley*
- *Public Health – Seattle & King County*
- *Washington Association of School Social Workers*

c) If your organization is NOT on the list above, unless a check was sent after 2/7/09, please renew for 2010 right away. Go to http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/members_join-renew.html

(9) INTERVENTION TEAM REPORT – Penny

- a) Attorneys Jan G. Zager and Sarah Houghland (Sarah is fluent in both English and American Sign Language) have volunteered to serve as resource people to the intervention team and to the Coalition in general re: other legal questions as they arise. Thank you both.
- b) We received 16 calls to the intervention hotline (~~1-866-SAFE-SAFE~~) in January, which is staffed by King County Sexual Assault Resource Center. Of those, 4 were referred to Intervention Specialists:
 - **A 7 yr. old girl was being assaulted and harassed by an 8 yr. old boy in a local elementary school.** The mother speaks predominately Spanish so our Spanish speaking Intervention specialist, Jacque Larrainzar, worked with her and will assist with getting help in the district including an interpreter. KSARC was very helpful in making sure this call got to the SSC.
 - **A woman called for help for her nephew who is a 17 yr old HS student who has just come out to her.** He has only told 2 people and lives in a very conservative area in Kansas. The immediate family is very religious. She was looking for resources he could access. Our website, specifically the “youth” area was recommended. She was encouraged to call back or have him email or call back. [We encouraged Penny to make sure the student also knows about Youth Guardian Services’ “Youth” Email Listservs](#) and about QueerYouthSpace on Facebook and MySpace.
 - **A college age student who had been sexually molested by her coach asked for help starting a group to help other students in this situation.** We provided resources and encouraged her to get back with the Intervention team for more help.
 - **An Asian-American elementary student with a disability is being bullied and assaulted by three other 5th graders.** The mother has removed her child from school and needed help developing a plan to get him back. We are working on the plan and will attend a meeting with the mother, principal, dist. admin, teacher, etc. to implement the plan ASAP.

(10)SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT – Briana, Beth

- a) **Recent training/speaking:**
 - South Seattle Community College
 - City Year
 - 150 teachers from Tacoma Public Schools’ Stuart Middle School, First Creek Middle School and Lincoln High School (This one wasn’t technically a SSC presentation but the Instructional Facilitator, Rachel Smith-Mosel, was VERY grateful to be able to use the SSC publication *“Speechifying”*. She modeled use of the speech and challenged all present to start off the new semester utilizing it to launch frank conversations with students about bias-based bullying.)
- b) **Upcoming training/speaking:**
 - Mount Vernon High School, Schools Out Conference 3/12
 - WEA Minority Affairs Human Rights Symposium 2/27
 - MAT students at Antioch University 2/23
- c) **Recent youth panels:**
 - Odyssey High School
 - Franklin High School

- d) **Recent outreach tabling:**
→ Bellevue Community College
- e) **Upcoming outreach tabling:**
→ School Age Resource Fair 2/25
- f) **Update on the future of the OUTSpoken Speakers' Bureau:** Negotiations are still continuing to arrange a new partner with SSC to continue OUTSpoken Speaker's Bureau after American Friends Service Committee steps down June 30. The City of Seattle (which funds OutSpoken) is aware of the negotiations and will be issuing a new RFP this spring, for which we will compete, to go into effect July 1.
- g) **We are almost out of SSC brochures and Intervention Services brochures.** Beth agreed to ask Jill and Ben about reprinting.

(11) FISCAL REPORT -- Beth

- a) **HELP NEEDED: A volunteer, Michelle Munro, 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>**
- b) **HELP NEEDED: Also contact Michele if you have any items TO DONATE for the auction. We need things/experiences both from Washington State and items that could be sent to purchasers anywhere in the world. Got donations? Contact: Michelle ... <mailto:michelle@safeschoolscoalition.org>**
- c) **HELP NEEDED: Phone bank tonight!! [NOTE: Matt & Beth raised \$225] And another Feb 22. Can you help phone bank Feb 22, 5:30-7:30 pm? RSVP <mailto:beth@safeschoolscoalition.org>**
- d) **Joint fundraiser with Delta Lambda Phi "Inclement Sprint,"** was a 5K run/walk around Greenlake in Seattle, January 31 ... report: 62 participants, \$310 for SSC. THANK you, Rob Squizzero and Psi brothers!
- e) **HELP NEEDED: Taco Time has a program to help groups raise funds for their groups.** They provide \$5 coupon books for their restaurants for groups to sell for \$1. The group retains all the money from the sale. **HELP NEEDED: contact Penny Palmer for booklets to sell or donate.** For example, you might purchase twenty coupon booklets for \$20 and donate them (a \$100 value) to your GSA or a local LGBTQ youth group! They must be sold by April first and used by April 30th. holdyrhorses@verizon.net Beth, Frieda and Matt all volunteered to take 50 booklets each. Thank you for taking the lead on this. NOTE: There are Taco Time stores in many states and provinces. Go here <http://www.tacotime.com/> (see upper right hand corner) to find stores near you and host a Taco Time party for your friends as a way to support Safe Schools!
- f) **Thank you to the following organizations for their gifts and in-kind contributions to the Coalition in 2009 (in lieu of or beyond dues) – NOTE: This list may be incomplete – if you know of other organizations that contributed in some way to the Coalition in 2009, please let me know so they can be included in the annual report <mailto:beth@safeschoolscoalition.org> :**
 - *ACLU – Washington* for editorial contributions to the Law Quiz
 - *American Friends Service Committee and the City of Seattle* for sponsoring the web site, for a part-time Coordinator for the OutSpoken speakers' and for a phone line
 - *The Bainbridge Island Education Association* for a financial contribution in memory of Jerry Painter
 - *Greater Seattle Business Association* for sponsoring the web site
 - *King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division* for staff time providing leadership to the Coalition
 - *King County Sexual Assault Resource Center* for a toll-free phone line and the use of their 24-hour crisis line staff as dispatchers for SSC's Intervention Team

- *Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund* for editorial contributions to the Law Quiz and for ongoing consultation regarding law and policy matters
- *Legal Voice* (formerly *Northwest Women's Law Center*) for editorial contributions to the Law Quiz
- *Lifelong AIDS Alliance* for staff time providing fiscal support to the Coalition
- *Non-Profit Comedy* for comics' time and for organizing and stage managing a fundraiser
- *Partners in Design* for the pro bono design of ads
- *PFLAG Olympia* for a financial gift on top of its annual dues
- *Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest* for staff time providing leadership to the Coalition and for monthly use of meeting space, a conference line and equipment
- *Planned Parenthood Public Policy Network of Washington* for staff time providing leadership for the Coalition's Law & Policy Work Group
- *Pride Foundation* for quarterly financial gifts and also for a one-time gift in recognition of Gabi Clayton's winning the Pride Foundation logo contest
- *Public Health – Seattle & King County* for staff time managing the Coalition
- *Raynier Institute and Foundation* for a financial gift in support of general operating expenses
- *Three Dollar Bill Cinema* for staff time helping coordinate a premiere of the film *Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us all Tied Up*
- *Washington Education Association* for warehousing Coalition publications and for staff time providing intervention services and on various projects
- *Youth Guardian Services* for sponsoring the web site
- *Youth Suicide Prevention Program* for staff time providing leadership to the Coalition

g) Thank you SO MUCH to these generous 2009 donors:

ANONYMOUS	<i>Pamela Jensen</i>	<i>Jeff Söder</i>
<i>Catherine Ahl</i>	<i>Kathleen Judd (in honor of</i>	<i>Frieda Takamura (in honor of</i>
<i>Jennifer Allen</i>	<i>Sophia Kennedy Judd)</i>	<i>Mark Anderson)</i>
<i>Marsha Botzer</i>	<i>Sue Kirchofer</i>	<i>Norm Walker (in honor of</i>
<i>Jessica Chandler</i>	<i>Karen Kulm</i>	<i>Rand Snyder)</i>
<i>Cris Elkins</i>	<i>Joyce & Ted Liljeholm</i>	<i>Russell J Warder (in honor of</i>
<i>Tracy Flynn & Sheri</i>	<i>Ken Molsberry</i>	<i>Jerry Painter)</i>
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<i>Betty Freund</i>	<i>Kyle Rapinan</i>	<i>Lynn Winnemore & Paul Witt</i>
<i>Adam Halpern</i>	<i>Beth Reis & Barbara Steele</i>	<i>Thomas J. Wyse, Jr.</i>

h) And to these wonderful people who have donated already in 2010

ANONYMOUS	<i>Margery Dickinson</i>	<i>Jan Goodman, in memory of</i>
<i>Breanna Anderson</i>	<i>Mary Dispenza and Mary</i>	<i>Susan Goodman, a great</i>
<i>Glenn Bafia</i>	<i>Ann Woodruff</i>	<i>ally</i>
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<i>and Diane Divelbess</i>	<i>Charles Fay</i>	<i>Adam Halpern</i>
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<i>Tawney & Bob Collins-</i>		<i>Adam Tenner</i>
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i) Please donate right now, online: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/donate.html> !!!!

- j) Beth expressed the need for a co-secty willing to send thank you notes to donors for IRS purposes for 2010. Penny volunteered; Matt will be her back-up.

(12) SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION FEATURED IN SCENARIOS USA'S NEWSLETTER – Beth

It was an interview with Beth Reis. Read the whole interview [here](#).

(13) MUTINY – Beth for Kyle

A Mutiny event is being held **THIS SATURDAY, 3-6 PM, at Seattle Central Community College**, by QYS. Queer Youth Space (“QYS”) is an initiative by a coalition of youth and adult community organizers to build queer youth space in Seattle organized by young queer people and run by queer youth and their allies ... space that is sustainable, productive, organic, progressive, educated, safe, and dynamic. More: <http://sites.google.com/site/queeryouthspace/home>

(14) JOYFUL FREEMAN HONORED BY THE GSBA – Beth

Joyful will be receiving a much-deserved Community Leadership award on Wednesday night 2/17 from the Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA). She was nominated by a bunch of members of the Safe Schools Coalition; we are so grateful for the work she's done over the years to help LGBTQ youth find their voices as activists and be heard. Congratulations Joyful. Send your congratulations to Joyful's boss at American Friends Service Committee, Susan Segall: ssgall@afsc.org and cc Joyful: jfreeman@afsc.org

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.

Mar 16th, 3-5 pm, Pacific Time. Kyle facilitates and Matt records. Kyle: 206-322-6711 ext 32190; KRapinan@casey.org

April 20th, 3-5 pm, Pacific Time. Stefanie facilitates (???) and Heather Carter records. Stefanie:

May 18th, 3-5 pm, Pacific Time. Frieda facilitates Penny records. Frieda: questions@safeschoolscoalition.org