

Minutes 1-20-09, 3-5 p.m. PST
Safe Schools Coalition Meeting
Chairing: Frieda Takamura; Recording: Daniel Moore

ATTENDING IN PERSON: Hanna **King**, Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets, Empowerment Project and Garfield High School GSA; Helen **Stillman**, Lambert House and Safe Schools Coalition Speakers' Bureau Manager; Beth **Reis**, Public Health – Seattle & King County and Safe Schools Coalition Co-Chair; Stefanie **Fox**, King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division; Brandon **Walter**, Youth Eastside Services; Frieda **Takamura**, Safe Schools Coalition Co-Chair; Kyle **Rapinan**, Casey Family Programs; Riana **Hensel**, Puget Sound Community School; Billie **Stultz**; Owen **Kajfasz**; Brett **Niessen**, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Daniel **Moore**, University of Washington School of Nursing and Safe Schools Coalition Secretary; Kathy **Kaminski**, Safe Schools Coalition Treasurer & Development Chair; Josh **Friedes**, Equal Rights Washington and Safe Schools Coalition Law & Policy Work Group Co-Chair; Christina **Barreda**, SSC Intern

ATTENDING BY PHONE: Gabi **Clayton**, PFLAG Olympia, Families United Against Hate, Youth Guardian Services, and Safe Schools Coalition Webspinner; Steve **Trubow**, National Drop Out Prevention Center at Clemson University; Marsha **Botzer**, Ingersoll Gender Center, Safe Schools Coalition Co-Chair and SSC Law & Policy Work Group Co-Chair

INTROS ... welcome new faces/voices

(1) SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT – Helen

- a) Speakers Bureau and Training Team
 - None this month
 - Upcoming:
 - ♦ United Methodist Gathering: trans/gender variant youth resources
 - ♦ WSU Pullman
- b) Tabling
 - None this month
- c) AFSC Panels (participants)
 - 1/5 Teen Link (11)
 - 1/6 Roosevelt HS (124)
 - 1/7 Evergreen HS (24)
 - Upcoming:
 - ♦ McKinney Vento Conference, Vashon MS
- d) Other Recent and Upcoming Projects
 - January 12th Speaker Training was a success
 - Upcoming:
 - ♦ Washington State Bullying Prevention Conference organizing
 - ♦ White Privilege Conference

(2) ANTI-RACISM WORK GROUP REPORT – Joy and Helen

- a) Anti-Racism Committee
 - Next Meeting Thursday, February 9^h 5-7pm at Kaladi Bros Coffee (511 E Pike) – all are welcome
 - Notes from the January 15th meeting:
 - ♦ Trainings: quarterly trainings will be incorporated into the GLBTQ Youth Trainer Assoc in Feb, March and April
 - ♦ Outreach: offer presentations about SSC to local organization and invite them to speak about their programs
 - ♦ Visibility: sponsor events!

(3) LAW & POLICY

- a) WASHINGTON STATE
 - **SSC 2009 WA legislative agenda discussion – anti-bullying legislation?**

- ♦ A report to the legislature was released looking at the efficacy of the 2002 anti-bullying law. Despite being a national model, no reductions in bullying have been observed. To read the 77-page report click [here](#).
- ♦ Also recently released ... a Special Report from the Washington State Governor's Education Ombudsman: http://www.governor.wa.gov/oeo/reports/bullying_report.pdf
- ♦ Josh expressed concern about moving forward with legislative revisions in this economic climates, especially those that may be perceived to strain increased burdened and lead to resentment
- ♦ Frieda added that, to the contrary, the current fiscal environment might mean legislators were particularly interested in legislation that does *not* cost money right now.
- ♦ Josh also noted that we are not seeing the results we had hoped for from the passage of the 2002 law. Asked, "Do we need to figure out what is effective before going back to the legislature so as to avoid returning year after year with more revisions?"
- ♦ Tara Borelli, at attorney with Lambda Legal has been comparing the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB or anti-bullying) act with sexual harassment law and has noted that sexual harassment law offers greater protection in a number of respects. Something to consider in revisions?
- ♦ Beth believes that the incoming superintendant of schools is willing to revisit/revise model anti-bullying procedures adopted by OSPI and WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Assoc).
- ♦ Beth also noted that SSC offered districts our own revised [version](#) of the WSSDA/OSPI model bullying procedure that included anonymous reporting options for students, but that most districts adopted the WSSDA/OSPI model verbatim – thus revising it might be very effective in getting districts to improve upon the protections they offer.
- ♦ Beth emphasized the importance of *communicating* policies that are already in effect to students, perhaps by having the legislature ask the Human Right Commission to produce posters with students' rights and general anti-bullying procedures to be posted in schools. She pointed out that we can't expect the 2002 law to have had much effect if most students are still unaware of its protections.
- ♦ Kyle suggested that there is a real disconnect and school. One of the programs he particularly favors is having a point person for the GSA in every building, though this costs money. He would also like to see teachers more informed to prevent them from bouncing a student facing bullying to guidance counselor, who bounces them to the principal, who doesn't have time.
- ♦ **SHARE YOUR OPINION: What should our WA legislative agenda be this year? Should we go forward in this economic environment? Please email your thoughts to Josh: josh@equalrightswashington.org**
- **Becca Statutes – Truancy and Drop-out Prevention – Steve Trubow** of the National Dropout Prevention Center at Clemson University
 - ♦ The National Dropout Prevention Center is looking for local education agencies to receive safe school grants for September 2009. Steve would like to get the word out. You can contact Steve at 360-928-1139 or steve_trubow@hughes.net
 - ♦ The most saleable argument for a better HIB law may be as a response to unacceptable truancy and drop-out rates.
 - ♦ There may be federal dollars available for HIB intervention efforts (curriculum, training, etc.) if it is framed as truancy- and drop-out prevention.
 - ♦ A landmark court decision last week stripped districts of the Becca Statute remedy for truancy of taking kids to court, without providing them council, and jailing them for their truancy. Schools are essentially being pushed by the court to actually respond to the causes of the truancy.
- **Healthy Youth Survey** update
 - ♦ We would like to have questions regarding sexual health behaviors included in the Healthy Youth Survey. Currently, youth may not be asked such questions without the express permission of the parents. Requiring permission for the Healthy Youth Survey would render such low response rates that findings would be meaningless, so, instead, the Survey just omits all sexual health questions. Hence, much needed data is not being

collected. The Healthy Youth Alliance, to which SSC belongs, is working to try to remedy the administrative code that makes it a problem. For more info, contact Beth (beth@safeschoolscoalition.org)

- **Some upcoming legislative agendas and lobbying days of interest to our members –**
 - ♦ [School Nurse Organization of Washington](#) Legislative Day, Feb 2
 - ♦ [Asian Pacific American](#) Community Lobby Day, Feb 5th
 - ♦ [Out of Home \(Foster Care\)](#) Lobbying Day, Feb 13th
 - ♦ African American Lobby Day, Feb 16th (Restoration of Voting Rights, 3-Strikes reform, and closing the educational gap for African American students are featured items on the agenda. Call your legislator in advance to make an appointment. Bus transportation available from some locations leaving between 7 and 8 am. Call A Philip Randolph Institute at 206-770-7697 for more information or to reserve a seat.)
 - ♦ [Equal Rights Washington](#) LGBT Lobby Day, March 12th

b) UNITED STATES

- Member organizations legislative agendas and lobbying days –
 - ♦ **please email Beth if you would like to list a national lobbying day for your organization beth.reis@kingcounty.gov**

(4) MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Gabi

- a) New member applications: ***BEND-IT queer youth arts and music festival—Approved!***
- In lieu of paying a membership due, BEND-IT requested to pay their dues in clerical work. Beth suggested they be put in touch with Helen Stillman, which they were by Gabi. Peter Lord and Samuel Irish are the contacts
 - ♦ Approved!
- b) Thank you to those orgs that have renewed recently for 2009:
- *American Friends Service Committee*
 - *Lake Washington Education Association*
 - *Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Center*
 - *Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition*
 - *Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest (formerly PP of Western Washington)*
 - *Public Health – Seattle & King County*
- c) **Please, if you represent a member org or an org that *should* be a member of the Safe Schools Coalition**, save us having to contact you to remind you to renew or join. **Renew or join for 2009 online right now: <https://anauel.youth-guard.org/safeschools/member-org.asp>** (Don't worry -- you don't need your agency's credit card – you can ask, right on the form, to have an invoice sent to you!)
- d) Gabi has updated the SSC website to suggest those interested in membership but unable to become members because they are individuals donate to SSC online. **Please direct individuals to donate online!**

(5) SPECIAL EVENTS

- a) NW Premiere of *Straightlaced*. – UPDATE – A planning committee will be meeting 1/29 at 5:30 at Seattle Counseling Service. More info: **Riana** (riana@pssc.org)
- b) *Laugh OUT Loud* comedy night – Save the Date!! -- June 23rd -- UPDATE – **Kyle**
- c) GSBA Awards dinner, 6-9:30 pm, Feb 19th. Former SSC organizational member, Families Like Ours, will be receiving the Non-Profit of the Year award. And Community Leader of the Year is Audrey Haberman, Executive Director of the Pride Foundation (a member org). Tickets are \$120. **Register Online Now, or call (206) 363-9188 and tell them you would like to join a SSC table.**

(6) FISCAL UPDATE – Beth, Kathy

- a) **Huge thanks to these recent donors** (Kathy, can we check these names before the minutes are sent?):
- | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ▪ <i>Katharine Pearson</i> | ▪ <i>Tracy Flynn</i> | ▪ <i>J.J. Chen</i> |
| ▪ <i>Evan King</i> | ▪ <i>L. Homer</i> | ▪ <i>J. Reinstein</i> |
- b) **And in memory of Jerry Painter:**
- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| ▪ <i>Catherine Ahl</i> | ▪ <i>L. Karen Kulm</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|

- c) **Proposals:** We (Treasurer and Development Chair, Kathy Kaminski) have submitted a letter-of-intent to the **Pride Foundation**, requesting funds for training the new Media Swat Team, an exciting leadership development effort. We are considering also requesting funds from **Seattle Human Services Department** to support the design of a new database, a crucial capacity building effort. **HELP NEEDED: If you are interested in helping to brainstorm or edit letters-of-intent or full proposals, please contact Kathy: Kathy@SafeSchoolsCoalition.org**
- d) **Make a tax deductible donation right now in honor of the inauguration of Barack Hussein Obama or in memory of Joan Helmich:**
<https://anauel.youth-guard.org/safeschools/donate.asp>

(7) WEB SITE REPORT – Arnold/Kyle, Gabi

- a) New Myspace page. Kyle has created a myspace page that directs visitors to the Safe Schools homepage. It can be found at www.myspace.com/safeschoolsintervention
- b) 10 year website comparison. See end of minutes
- c) The Safe Schools Coalition group on Facebook has 12 members. This group on Facebook is for people who work for or volunteer with Safe Schools Coalition, for or with organizations that are members of the Coalition, and for our allies, supporters, and friends.
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=43732067796>
- d) The Safe Schools Coalition group on LinkedIn has 4 members. This LinkedIn group is for people who work for or volunteer with Safe Schools Coalition, for or with organizations that are members of the Coalition, and for our allies, supporters, and friends.
<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1110307>
- e) The Safe Schools Coalition Blog has 15 email subscriptions, 1 Bloglines RSS subscription, and 3 Followers <http://safeschoolscoalition.blogspot.com/>

(8) LISTSERVE REPORT – Beth

- a) Welcome to recent subscribers from:

▪ <i>Tumwater, WA</i>	▪ <i>Chicago, IL</i>	▪ <i>Bellingham, WA</i>
▪ <i>New Brighton, MN</i>	▪ <i>Sedro Woolley, WA</i>	▪ <i>Toronto, ON, Canada</i>
▪ <i>Seattle, WA (4)</i>	▪ <i>Puyallup, WA</i>	▪ <i>Lake Stevens, WA</i>
- b) We currently have **915 subscribers** in at least **11 countries**.
- c) **There are two ways to subscribe.** Signing up for “IMPORTANT NEWS” gets you an average of 1-2 messages a week, mostly action items, meeting minutes and major announcements. Signing up for “NEWS” gets you those messages plus news, opinion, events and job digests totaling an average of 2 messages a day. Not subscribed? Need to change the address we send to or to switch lists? Go to: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/listsab.asp>

(12) RESEARCH – Christina Barreda

Evergreen student Christina Barreda will take the first steps this quarter toward our replicating/updating the Coalition’s 5-year study of anti-LGBT harassment and violence in K-12 schools, ***They Don’t Even Know Me***, the first Safe Schools report on bullying. It contains data on 111 incidents that occurred in Washington State schools in the 1990’s. Christina is developing a survey tool for a revision to the report. The goal is to have a functioning survey tool by the end of this quarter. Gabi suggested Christina work with Heather Murphy on the project. Daniel volunteered to offer help on statistical analysis issues Daniel@safeschoolscoalition.org.

(13) HRC’s MEMBERSHIP IN SSC – Beth for Frank

Frank sent a letter clarifying our process and intentions to Ellen Kahn, as a step toward a meeting with Executive Director Joe Solmonese or members of HRC’s Board.

(14) CHANGE IN SSC LEADERSHIP – Transition Team

The team has yet to meet to discuss a timeline and process for the transfer of responsibilities from the out-going co-chairs to the new ones. That meeting is now scheduled for March 11. We will report back to the Coalition March 17th.

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.

Feb 17th, 3-5 pm, Pacific Time. Beth chairs and Heather records
Beth: 206-296-4970; beth.reis@kingcounty.gov

March 17th, 3-5 pm, Pacific Time. Marsha chairs and Matt records
Marsha: 206-601-8942; mbotzer@botzerconsulting.com

April 21st, 3-5 pm, Pacific Time. Frieda chairs and Daniel records
Frieda: 253-765-7062; hisakodau@aol.com

One Month's Data

Decade Website Statistics Comparison -- December 1998 and December 2008

	December, 1998	December, 2008
Total Hits	3,746	160,654
Total Page Views	1,855	42,742
Total Visitors	517	22,816
Avg Visits/Day	26	736

Countries served in Dec 1998: 11

Argentina	France	Netherlands
Austria	Germany	United Arab Emirates
Brazil	Japan	United States
	Malaysia	

Countries and territories served in Dec 2008: 99

Afghanistan	Denmark	Ireland	Netherlands	Slovakia
Albania	Dominican Republic	Israel	New Zealand	South Africa
Argentina	Ecuador	Italy	Nigeria	Spain
Australia	Egypt	Jamaica	Norway	Sweden
Austria	El Salvador	Japan	Pakistan	Switzerland
Kingdom of Bahrain	Eritrea	Kazakhstan	Panama	Syria
Belgium	Estonia	Kenya	Paraguay	Taiwan
Brazil	Finland	Kuwait	Peru	Thailand
Bulgaria	France	Latvia	Philippines	Trinidad and Tobago
Cambodia	Germany	Lebanon	Poland	Tunisia
Canada	Ghana	Liechtenstein	Portugal	Turkey
Chile	Gibraltar	Lithuania	Puerto Rico	Ukraine
China	Greece	Luxembourg	Republic of Korea	United Arab Emirates
Cocos Islands	Guam	Malaysia	Romania	United Kingdom
Colombia	Hong Kong	Malta	Russian Federation	United States
Costa Rica	Hungary	Mexico	Rwanda	Uzbekistan
Cote d'Ivoire	Iceland	Moldova	Samoa	Venezuela
Croatia	India	Morocco	Saudi Arabia	Viet Nam
Cyprus	Indonesia	Mozambique	Serbia and Montenegro	Yemen
Czech Republic	Iran	Namibia	Singapore	

Annual Data 2008

Total Hits 2,356,845

Total Page Views 556,206

Total Number of Visitors 318,615

Average Visits Per Day 871

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Hits	1,774,430	1,708,443	1,705,673	2,356,845
Total Page Views	533,936	513,940	369,501	556,206
Total Number of Visitors	298,193	313,910	300,556	318,615
Average Visits Per Day	816	886	823	871

2008 monthly stats	Hits	Page Views	Number of Visitors	Average Visitors per Day
Jan 2008	156,780	36,467	22,670	731
Feb 2008	205,686	48,640	26,172	902
Mar 2008	210,851	43,877	31,904	1,029
Apr 2008	243,154	51,025	35,041	1,168
May 2008	198,838	45,837	31,464	1,014
June 2008	171,589	40,606	26,448	881
July 2008	161,246	44,600	23,792	767
August 2008	182,062	43,089	21,549	695
September 2008	214,051	51,029	23,932	797
October 2008	237,188	55,987	26,283	847
November 2008	214,746	52,307	26,544	884
December 2008	160,654	42,742	22,816	736
Annual Totals	2,356,845	556,206	318,615	871