

Bullying Workgroup

June 29, 2015

Hello Bullying Work Group –

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us on Monday night. I have the notes below. As you know, this was the last official meeting, but there is still work to do! I've put a check-box on a few items that we still need folks to help with. Let me know if you're interested.

THANK YOU – it has been my pleasure to work with you.

June 29, 2015 Notes:

Policy

Talked further about the policy

Don't forget to include language to support LGBTQ youth

- We will create a Google doc for people to look at the policy and make edits/changes. [Cintia was at a meeting and she shared additional information about the policy that emphasized the need for us to clarify what the definition is, and then more importantly, make sure that it is consistently shared on various sites and printed materials]

Consequences

Work with schools about possible consequences

Ask youth "what do you think the consequences should be?"

Connect with the Student Advisory Board, they may have additional information

APS/ACG Websites

Make sure that APS has bullying info on the home site, but also the individual school sites. They will be updating their websites, but probably not until next year.

Determine who/where on the Arlington County site Bullying information should be housed and then work to get it there.

- Maybe one or two folks could work on this from home with me, looking at what works on the Fairfax site, and what we'd like to emulate.

Family & Community Engagement (FACE)

Rosa Briceno is the full-time FACE Coordinator. We have reached out to her through e-mail and hope to connect over the summer to include her as we move forward with our strategies and recommendations.

Additional Questions for future work...

We discussed getting at some of the root causes for bullying -

As the Bully "Why are you bullying?"

Careful not to always make excuses for the bully.

Additional Resources

Looked at stopbullying.gov www.stopbullying.gov

- Request a meeting with the people at SAHMSA/stopbullying.gov to talk further, if you're interested in participating in this discussion, let me know.

The webinar I mentioned was co-hosted by the Afterschool Alliance and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and can be viewed here if you were unable to attend: <http://bit.ly/1GX6Fiu>

Create posters to put up in classrooms that have the definition and additional information

WEBINAR OPPORTUNITY

I have signed up, if you'd like to join me, or you can watch/participate from your desk.

New Findings on Anti-Bullying Policy Efforts Across the U.S. and Their Protections for LGBT Students

Wednesday, July 15, 4-5:30pm Eastern

Join GLSEN for its fourth free, live webinar in the 2014–15 GLSEN Research Learning Series! This webinar will share findings from a first-of-its-kind analysis of the anti-bullying policies from all U.S. school districts (over 13,000) – providing an in-depth view of the national landscape of anti-bullying policy efforts from the state to the district level. This webinar will also discuss the implications of these findings and provide specific, real world guidance for implementing effective anti-bullying policies. This webinar will address the following:

- How many school districts have anti-bullying policies?
- How many districts specifically protect students on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, or other characteristics (e.g. race/ethnicity, religion, disability)?
- Are school districts adhering to state law mandates to have an anti-bullying policy?
- What state-level efforts have the most influence on district anti-bullying policies?
- Do anti-bullying policies protect LGBT students?

Register for this webinar here. <http://action.glsen.org/page/s/glsen-research-signup>

Thank you for your participation in these meetings, you will be on our mailing list for APCYF Meetings and Events so that when/if you are able to continue working on this or other issues. If there comes a time when you are no longer interested, just let me know.

It has been a wonderful experience for me – thank you!

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