**Pathfinder PTSA General Meeting Minutes**

May 23, 2017 MEETING in the Pathfinder Library

Called to order at 6:30 by Odetta Owen

**Welcome (Odetta Owen)**

**Field Day (Ann Marie???)**

* June 19th!
* Still figuring it out—
* Keeping the quiet area, popsicles, photo booth…
* Sign-up Genius for volunteers should be out soon
  + If you volunteer, choose/innovate so you are doing something you want
  + May make T-shirts to denote who is a volunteer
  + May be staging on Sunday or Saturday
  + Volunteers who work well with special needs students should make sure to volunteer to help those students especially

**Communications (Gillian Maguire)**

* Short questionnaire
* Anyone interested in learning more/participating get in touch with Gillian!

**End of Year Celebration (Odetta Owen)**

* Thursday, June 8th, starts at 5:00 p.m.
* Dinner
* Voting
* Art Walk
* Concert

**Speaker (Lisa Love)**

* Intro by Odetta contextualizing the Diversity Taskforce
* Intro of Lisa and information about Pathfinder’s Queer Straight Alliance by Megan Marks

**Creating Safe and Welcoming Schools for LBGT youth (Lisa Love)**

* Summary of where Seattle Schools are
  + Students at every grade level who identify as LGBTQ (etc.); kids are often leading the way with their identity/knowledge
* Striving to have Teacher and Principal trainings, support groups, curriculum and library materials
  + Working on getting more trainings out to administrators, nurses, etc.
* Discussion Question—what were your experiences with LGBTQ awareness growing up? Would our students have different answers?
  + Our kids are getting the same messages (as well as others)
* FLASH
  + Middle and high school FLASH binders have been updated to include gender expression and identity; elementary is not on the docket any time soon
    - Health Education is working to provide supplementary material to help teachers have better materials
      * Creating (along with committee) a kit for each elementary class with a book and a lesson that incorporates gender roles, gender expression, and gender identity (will be piloted next year)
    - If you have suggestions or input on how FLASH could be altered/improved, get in touch
  + FLASH in middle school is folded into Science
* Way to frame/set up a discussion—bring out items and ask, “What would some people (who aren’t as aware as you) think about the person who uses this?”🡪 “Is there really such a thing as boy things and girl things? What if these boxes were bigger or gone?”
* Question about best/possibly policies with bathrooms
  + At Pathfinder, students can use the bathroom that they feel most comfortable with, but not everyone knows this
  + Bathrooms are a place that can be/feel unsafe for students, especially those who don’t neatly fit into gendered boxes
  + Possibilities—choose one girls bathroom and make it all gender; maintain at least one all boy and all girl restrooms for comfort

“The person who has the lived experience has the weight of the world on their shoulders, and it’s our responsibility to help share that burden.”

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 by Odetta Owens

*Minutes submitted by Sigrid Brunet, Secretary*