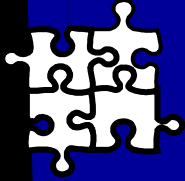


Meeting Minutes - February 8th, 2007

Real Cdn Superstore 3:30-4:30

GLTBQ Youth  
Advisory  
Committee



Present: Victoria. S., (Student), Katelin Maiuk (Student), Amy Ballet (Stamford Collegiate), Denise Waligora (CMHA), Kevin Rawlings NCYS), Nadine Wallace (NRP), Melina Laskowski (NCDSB), Judy Robertson (OPSEU), Bonnie Prentice (TALK), Julie Domtrek (Brock/NCDSB), Judith Rossman (Niagara District), Karen Stuart (Westlane SS), Val Stepanchuk (Aids Niagara), Cyndy Davis (Parent), Courtney Pitre (Niagara Pride).

Regrets: Kay Holly (Collegiate), Martha Hunt (Kernahan Park SS), Cameron Campbell (Niagara College), Cheryl Scott (Community Cares).

1. The purpose of the committee was examined. A rough draft of the proposed mission and goals were distributed. No one had any comments at this time, please forward all comments about document to Courtney or bring them to the next meeting.
2. The latest developments with the GLTBQ Youth Outreach Program were discussed.
  - 2 additional Rainbow Squads in the Region (Fort Erie and Grimsby)
  - Ridley College is presenting the Laramie Project - February 17
  - Inclusion of new program, COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere). Looking for a leader for this group to create a chapter in the Niagara Region. [www.colage.org](http://www.colage.org)
3. Roundtable Discussion: What's Happening In Niagara
  - Asking the Right Questions presentation for front line work with glbtq populations is taking place on March 23rd
  - Judy Robertson distributed the SCDLC Pride and Solidarity Committee Newsletter Feb 2007 and spoke about opportunities for resources with OPSEU.
  - Cyndy Davis volunteered to look into becoming the Regional Leader/ Representative for COLAGE.
  - Kevin Rawlings shared his teams' thoughts at Niagara Child and Youth Services on the elimination of Gender Identity Disorder from their working terminology.
  - Denise Waligora expressed CMHA's support for the committee and offered her assistance for anything her organization can do to help the glbtq youth population.
  - Melina Laskowski spoke about her desire to have a GSA within the schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.
  - Amy Ballet discussed her success at Stamford Collegiate with their GSA and overcoming resistance within the school and community.
  - Karen Stuart expressed her interest in having a GSA started at Westlane Secondary.
4. Meeting schedule was discussed and it was decided we would meet every other month or sooner when necessary. Next meeting April, 2007.
5. Meeting adjourned.