

Monthly Report for March 2022 BOD/DA Meetings
LGBTQ Subcommittee, of DEI Committee
Submitted by Mark Eckstein, Chair

February, 2022 Monthly Highlights

(if more info is desired, kindly email: LGBTQ@MCCPTA.ORG)

- attending Monthly **PrideAlliance** Meetings
- met with **PTA rep (Beverly Farms ES)** to advise on organizing a Pride event and other school-wide LGBTQ supports
- Met with **State Legislator** to advocate for LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum
- Met with **MCPS Security Coordinator** about LGBTQ matters; discussed recent restroom security incidents (tik-tok vandalism, sexual matters, affirming trans students, fights/guns, robbery/crime)
- Met with MS ELA teachers about **LGBTQ-inclusion into MS ELA** curriculum and their efforts to review books in their staff book-review team
- Represented the region on a **National PTA focus group**, *Future of Family-School Partnership*
- Referred by MCPS to a family in which the **parents don't support their trans kid**; wrap-around services needed
- Presented to **BCC LGBTQ Course**
- **Met with Seth Adams and Jeanie Dawson** (and more) to discuss Restroom/ Lockerroom strategy in relation to affirming all students, particularly transgender/ gender-nonconforming students/staff
- Planned **event with EveryMind/LINKAGES**; I will be facilitating a March webinar with them on LGBTQ Mental Health Supports
- Worked with various staff, admin, students about how to better implement Name/ Gender/Pronoun procedure so that students are **not being inadvertently OUTed**.
- Trying to get **MCPS Athletics to engage on improving their affirmation of LGBTQ** students; attended GLSEN's *Changing The Game* webinar
- Met with John Landesman about the Audit Survey and its **historic/unprecedented inclusion of a Gender Identity question** in the demographic portion