

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

## March, 2022 Monthly Highlights

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

- Attended Monthly **PrideAlliance** Meetings
- Mark was Panelist/Moderator for **EveryMind LGBTQ TownHall Webinar**
- Met with some **transgender MCPS staff** to discuss their complaints about working conditions
- Met with **AEI Team** about LGBTQ-inclusion via curriculum, content, and pedagogy
- Met with various **Sbcmte members about different initiatives**, including how best to supplement the work of the MCPS PrideAlliance
- Met with BOE Candidates to discuss LGBTQ matters, including the **intersection of LGBTQ/New Arrivals**
- Working with Chief of Staffs at MCPS/BOE, to create a communication about Joe Acanfora and to plan for some sort of justice to counter the **injustice of him being fired just for being gay**.
- Met with Diane Morris to discuss **LGBTQ Hate incident** at Parkland MS
- Met with **SMLP staff about their LGBTQ PD** 2-day module
- Met with OSSI, Health OCIP about the logistics for why elementary schools continue, against the urging of OCIP, to **segregate 5th graders by gender** for their FLSH lessons
- Met with a BOE Member about **strategizing to improve LGBTQ experiences**
- Visited a few **MCPS schools to do restroom tours**; many still have staff restrooms segregated by gender (which is a Title7/9 concern)
- Met with stakeholders to develop a plan to **advocate to OHRD** to improve the landscape for LGBTQ educators
- Met with Instructional Specialist to get briefed on a huge MCPS **initiative to provide LGBTQ PD** to many staff members
- Met with Scott Murphy to strategize about LGBTQ Inclusion in AEI and other parts of his Division.
- Facilitated a **webinar for MCPS Parent Academy: Supporting LGBTQ Students**