



2023 PRIDE Town Hall

Meeting Agenda

May 20, 2023

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM



Walter Johnson High School, Bethesda
 6400 Rock Spring Dr, Bethesda, MD 20817

Students who attend will receive 3.5 SSL hours

Time	Agenda Item & Presenter	
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Registration <i>Entrance to Auditorium Hall from Bus Loop</i>	
8:30 - 12:30 PM	Resource Fair & Child Care <i>Ongoing</i>	
	Event	Location & Details
	Resource Fair	<i>Hallway outside of Auditorium</i> Resource Fair Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCPS Staff P.R.I.D.E. Group ● MCPS Athletics ● MoCo Pride Center ● MoCo Pride Youth ● Free State Justice

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Libraries & Media Specialists • MCCPTA • Sheppard Pratt
	Child Care for ages 3-4 Room 194	Supervision for young ones will be provided by MCPS staff members and high school student volunteers
	Activities for Elementary Students Room 192	Kids will participate in activities like learning about LGBTQIA+ icons, coloring, read-alouds and discussion led by MCPS staff members and high school student volunteers
9:00 - 9:10 AM	Welcome <i>Auditorium</i>	
9:10 - 9:35 AM	Keynote - Elizabeth Graham (she/her); local advocate who speaks to her lived experiences as a transgender, autistic woman. Elizabeth works with the LGBTQIA+ community, helping to run a peer-led transgender support group. She is dedicated to supporting transgender and neurodivergent people.	
9:45-11:25	Connecting & Community Building for Secondary Students	
	This is a space dedicated to students having the opportunity to connect with one another and foster relationships with students around MCPS. The time will open with a talk given by Lee Blinder (they/them) on resilience and be followed by a youth-focused trivia game led by Robin Lombard (she/her). Additionally, the room will be provisioned with LGBTQIA+-affirming materials like affirmations, Queer icon coloring books and journaling prompts. Students who would like other options are invited to attend the workshops.	

9:45 - 10:30 AM	Workshop Session 1			
	Workshop	Description	Audience	Presenter
	Interrupting Bias For Real: Bystander Intervention Techniques For Everyone Room 114	In those moments where we think, "Someone should do something," we must say, "I am someone." This session will focus on practical skills for interrupting bias with a focus on safety and creative thinking.	Anyone	Max Firke (he/him), Teacher & GSA Sponsor Northwood High School, Mo-Co Pride Youth Co-Advisor
	Strategies for Supporting Children of LGBTQ+ Families Room 115	Discussion about how schools and families connected to the LGBTQ+ community can work together to build affirming environments for students.	Anyone	Gwendolyn Filipiak (she/her), Teacher & GSA Advisor, Springbrook High School Jolynn Tarwater (she/her), Principal, Brooke Grove Elementary School
	LGBTQIA+ Affirming MCPS Policies & Forms Room 116	A review & discussion of MCPS Gender Identity Guidelines , including developing a gender support	Anyone	Elicia Eberhart-Bliss (she/her), Acting Assistant Principal, Quince Orchard High School

		plan ; reporting bullying, intimidation, and/or harassment ; and safe space implementation supported by BOE Policy ACA Nondiscrimination, Equity, and Cultural Proficiency and JGA Behavior Intervention, Safety, and Well-being Plan .		Lindsey Parra (she/her), Counselor & GSA Sponsor, Roberto Clemente Middle School
	Supporting Your Child in Navigating Dating Room 117	A learning opportunity for parents and caregivers. In this space, we will learn how to nurture healthy and safe relationships for LGBTQ+ youth.	Caregivers	Krysta White (she/they), Teacher, Springbrook High School Camilla Barillas (she/they), Springbrook High School
	Health Education Curriculum Overview Room 118	Share current curricula and hear input from stakeholders on important components and	Anyone	Cara Grant (she/her), Supervisor, Adapted Physical Education, Physical Education and Health

		resources to consider when developing curriculum and training health education teachers.		
10:40 - 11:25 AM	Workshop Session 2			
	Workshop	Description	Audience	Presenter
	Transitioning in MCPS Room 114	Busting myths about transition and gender affirming care. Having a personal, human connection enables greater understanding. This session is an opportunity to learn in an environment of openness, understanding, and mutual respect.	Anyone	Max Firke (he/him), Teacher & GSA Sponsor, Northwood High School
	Getting a Rainbow Club started in Elementary School Room 115	Want to start a Rainbow Club in your elementary school? Meet with educators who are seeking a launching point to get started. We will	Staff	Hannah Teicher (she/her/they/them), Teacher & Rainbow Club Sponsor, Piney Branch Elementary School

		<p>discuss what has worked for the Piney Branch ES community's Rainbow Club, and how you can get started too!</p>		
	<p>MCPS Staff P.R.I.D.E. Group</p> <p>Room 116</p>	<p>Connect with fellow MCPS staff who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community as we discuss the mission and vision of our new staff affinity group.</p> <p><i>This professional and social group consists of MCPS staff who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community. We discuss best practices, share experiences, and develop resources to advocate and ensure an inclusive and welcoming work environment for all</i></p>	LGBTQIA+ Staff	<p>Elicia Eberhart-Bliss (she/her), Acting Assistant Principal, Quince Orchard High School</p> <p>Shaun Sawko (he/him)</p> <p>Holly Van Puymbroeck (she/her), Instructional Specialist, School Library Media Programs</p>

		<i>through education, communication, and mentorship.</i>		
	<p>Inclusivity in MCPS Athletics</p> <p>Room 117</p>	<p>Share how the MCPS Department of Athletics functions as an athlete ally.</p> <p>Discuss and provide strategies MCPS athletics staff utilize to promote a positive team culture that is inclusive for all students including LGBTQ+ student-athletes.</p> <p>Q/A time</p>	Anyone	Anne Rossiter (she/her), Instructional Specialist, Athletics
	<p>Supporting your LGBTQIA+ children: From the Mouths of Middle Schoolers</p> <p>Room 118</p>	<p>What does it mean to be LGBTQ+, how do we create a safe environment for coming out, and how do we respect, support and show understanding?</p>	Caregivers	<p>Lakelands Middle School Students</p> <p>Michele Greco (she/her), Media Specialist and GSA Sponsor, Lakelands Middle School</p>

11:30 AM - 12:00	Closing Panel - Centering Students' Experiences
12:00 PM	Dismissal