

## Meeting 6 ...

### *Information About the Broader LGBTQ+ Community*

**Goals:** To share information about the LGBTQ+ community - local resources; school board actions; state and federal laws; legal fights, etc.

**Icebreaker:** Have each person try to write about one external resource/law/lawsuit/news story concerning the LGBTQ+ community.

#### ***Suggested Activities***

- Share what the group members wrote in the icebreaker.
- Have a group discussion about issues raised.

**Examples:** *One member knows of a local LGBTQ+ health clinic. Members discuss if they've gone there for treatment, and, if so, what they thought of the facility; whether their family would take them; other resources they would like to find;*

*Someone brings up a recent bill in the legislature, or an act of the School Board. Members discuss the repercussions of the bill/action, larger laws/court decisions that might be relevant. They can also discuss ways to use their voice; that will also be discussed in the Advocacy meetings.*

#### ***Tips***

- Be prepared with a list of local resources, in case members do not know of any.
- These can include: LGBTQ+ health clinics; parent/peer support groups (like PFLAG); safe monitored online forums (Empty Closets); hotlines; affirming religious or spiritual organizations.
- Be prepared with a list/some information about current bills in the legislature; recent laws passed (state or federal); recent court decisions; and actions by your school board on LGBTQ+ issues.