



## GENDER-SEXUALITY PROFESSIONAL ALLIANCE GROUP (SF)

Oct 17, Dec 5, Feb 6, Mar 20 | Head-Royce School

This working group of LGBTQ+\* professionals will provide a unique opportunity for educators to connect in a confidential, respectful, and relaxed atmosphere. The ultimate goal is to develop a network of LGBTQ+ educators which continues well beyond our four meetings.

Each meeting will provide time for participants to share stories, ask questions, celebrate successes and identify strategies to address any challenges or concerns presented. In addition, we will explore a particular theme which will help guide and build upon your school's capacity to understand and celebrate students, staff, and families of all genders and sexualities.

The specific themes covered will reflect the common interests and needs of the participants and naturally evolve over the course of the year. Possible themes may include:

- Coming out and being out in the workplace
- Supporting LGBTQ+ students and related social justice clubs
- Working with families that hold a wide range of beliefs and perspectives
- Identifying and problem-solving common questions and concerns

\*LGBTQ+ is a term that embraces a wide range of sexualities and genders including, but not limited to, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning/queer.

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### FACILITATOR



**OLIVIA HIGGINS**, is the founder of Queerly Elementary. Since 2001, she has worked with individual schools and school districts, including Oakland, Alameda, and San Francisco Unified, to increase their capacity to better understand and embrace people of all genders and sexualities. Her advocacy for queer friendly schools began when she was an Early Childhood/Elementary Education major at Temple University. Despite heavy resistance from both students and professors, she successfully initiated a petition to update the core curriculum to include LGBTQ topics.

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