

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION  
"REFLECTIONS ON BULLYING" – CITY-WIDE DIALOGUE & EXHIBIT  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011  
6:00 PM – FICK AUDITORIUM

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Zack Antar  
Arnie Bigbee  
Daria Brosius  
John Cashmore  
Lisa Finsness  
Bob Mayer  
Meg Newell  
Jan Seidman  
Russ Stanton  
Steve Winnick

**STAFF**

Susan Howl

"Reflections on Bullying" Event – Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – Fick Auditorium

How does a community begin to address bullying? Bullying, it happens so often, in so many places. It causes so much pain and is all too often ignored. To address this insidious problem, the Human Rights and Relationship Commission (HRRC) chose bullying as their focus for 2011. To begin the discussion and to build awareness within the Edina community, the HRRC received support from the Edina Community Foundation to host an Edina Dialogue, "Reflections on Bullying: Creating a World Where Bullying Does Not Happen". The HRRC also collaborated with the Gay Straight Alliance and the 212 leadership team, both from Edina High School, the Edina Resource Center, Connecting with Kids and the Edina Chamber of Commerce.

On April 26, 2011, more than 150 people gathered at FICK auditorium in Edina High School for a light dinner to begin an Edina dialogue on Bullying. Citizens submitted anonymous postcards – "Edina Secrets" and essays sharing their thoughts and experience ... their reflections about bullying. The school library displayed books, the non-profit; "A World Without Genocide" shared program information. The main event opened with remarks from HRRC chair, Jessi Kingston and Mayor Jim Hovland and was moderated by Liz Collin from WCCO featured a movie produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center, "Bullied" – a true story about Jamie Nabozny- a teenager in Wisconsin whose bullying was ignored by school officials. Jaime took his case to court and won a judgment against several school administrators. Julie Herzog from PACER addressed the audience at the conclusion of the movie and EHS student, Abdisa Dawano shared a reading. The evening concluded with a guest panel: Dr. Ellen Kennedy, Rachael Pream Grenier, Rick Sansted, Koal Williams, and Chelese Ewart ...and powerful audience dialogue.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Finsness, Co-Chair  
"Reflections on Bullying"