

The South Coast Writing Project at UC Santa Barbara presents

## Courageous Conversations\* Continued

*What does it look like to “live” by the norms we agreed upon last time?*

*How have you been applying them to your school setting?*

*Have you had any new learning you’d like to share?*

**Draft of norms\*\* from our last discussion:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be prepared to have conflict</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check it [comments/message] out with people [to be sure you understand]</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be honest</li><li>• Say the truth</li><li>• Hear the truth</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be direct</li><li>• Don’t misquote</li><li>• Choose not to take offense</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make eye contact</li><li>• Say it (if you’ve got something to say)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solve it here</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call me on my stuff and stick with me (I may get upset but I will work through it)</li><li>• Call me on my stuff and I will try <b>not</b> to react from a place of defensiveness, give me a chance to learn</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give people the chance to define what they mean</li><li>• Do not deny or dismiss the other person’s reality</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have faith in my humanity</li><li>• Give me the benefit of the doubt</li><li>• Be willing to be vulnerable and not judge other’s vulnerability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work to identify the larger dynamics behind the incident</li></ul>

**\*\**(These norms will be revisited and fine-tuned at our next discussion.)***

*Come and join us for another dinner discussion!*

**Date: Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 4:30-8:00pm**

**(Dinner at 5:00pm)**

**Location: To Be Determined**

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**Any ideas for a new name for our group? So far we have the following initial ideas:**

1. S.A.F.E. - Seeking Approaches for Fostering Equity in the Educational Arena
2. AWARE
3. OPEN- Ongoing Perception Expanding Negotiations

\*Courageous Conversations About Race, A Field Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools, by Glenn E. Singleton and Curtis Linton, 2006.