

District Gender & Sexuality Alliance

Notes

Tuesday, April 18, 2017
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Rockheights Middle School

1. Welcome and Introductions - Name, School, Preferred Pronouns

2. School Updates

Rockheights: the group is planning to have rainbow shirts to recognize rainbow week. Each shirt would be one colour of the rainbow. The group has also made a wonderful Love is Love Quilt which they hope to hang in the learning commons.

Cedar Hill: Alxy MacAdams and their friend Lux joined them for their meeting before Spring break. They had a pizza party and a question and answer session. Information was shared on how to support friends and dates/locations of youth drop-ins in Victoria. The GSA continues to grow weekly.

3. Guiding Question
4. **Homophobia and Transphobia Day** is coming up on May 17th. A number of resources are attached. Rainbow Week is May 15-19. See the invitation for brunch with MP Randall Garrison.
5. **Brunch with MP Randall Garrison:** Randall Garrison is the Member of Parliament for Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke, the

NDP Critic for LGBTQ Issues, and one of six out gay MPs currently sitting.

Every year, to commemorate IDAHT, Randall invites local members of the LGBTQ community and their allies to a brunch that he hosts. This is an informal and casual event, which Randall hosts as a way to give back to the community, listen to their stories, and be informed of their legislative needs and priorities. Randall and other guest speakers will provide updates on the work of those politicians and community activists who are working to further the rights and equity of LGBTQ people.

This year, the brunch will be held on May 14 from 10:30-1 at 3020 Blanshard Street.

If you are interested in attending this event please RSVP to

randall.garrison.c1c@parl.gc.ca all are welcome.

6. **Love is Love:** a big thank you to Matt Treble, Linda Tate and Jacqueline Gillespie for their work with the Love is Love conference. We appreciate their work and look forward to next year.
7. **Pride Parade:** we are now planning for our participation in this year's pride parade. We hope to have our district float ready to go and look forward to having all of our GSA's represented.

Adjourn 5:00 pm

Final Meeting 2016-2017

May 23, 2017

School Board Office



**International Day Against Homophobia
and Transphobia**

IDAHT 2017 Brunch with MP Randall Garrison

**Meet local LGBTQ activists and
share your legislative priorities
with Randall over brunch**

**Sunday, May 14 | 10:30-1 | 3020 Blanshard Street
RSVP to: randall.garrison.c1c@parl.gc.ca**

