

District Gender & Sexuality Alliance

Notes

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Lambrick Park School

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

Lambrick Park: Thank you to Lambrick Park for hosting. Pink Shirt Day activities include a compliments clothes line. A table is set up and students can write their compliment on a heart and attached to the clothes line.

Esquimalt: There will be a table at Tapestry and there are not quite enough GSA members able to attend. If any are able, please be available for an 8 am start.

The flatbed will be ready for the pride parade.

Oak Bay: Excited to be hosting Love is Love; it is set for April 8th, see the update and poster. Currently working on Anti-Homophobia Week planning. ISP students have not had a role in GSA activities at Oak Bay and Jaqueline will look at ways to encourage their involvement.

Cedar Hill: The safe space is growing as more students are coming out; cookies seem to be a good attractor. The Teacher Librarian has been an excellent source for resources.

3. Guiding Question

<http://katiecouric.com/gender-revolution-w-vanessa-jr-ford-dr-joshua-safer-georgiann-davis/>

Gender Revolution (w/ Vanessa and JR Ford, Dr. Joshua Safer, Georgiann Davis)

02.09.2017

Vanessa and JR Ford didn't know their youngest child was a girl until she told them on her fourth birthday. "Mom, I'm not a boy," she said. "I'm a girl in my heart and in my brain." As the parents of a transgender daughter, Vanessa and JR are at the epicenter of today's changing terrain when it comes to gender. The Fords are just one of the families featured in my new documentary, *Gender Revolution: A Journey With Katie Couric*. In this companion podcast, Brian and I dive deep with the Fords and two others featured in *Gender Revolution*: Georgiann Davis, a sociologist and intersex activist, and Dr. Joshua Safer, who runs the Center for Transgender Medicine and Surgery at Boston Medical Center.

4. Year Ahead Planning

- * Pride Parade

- * Love is Love - Matt provided the following update with the following workshops slated for the conference:

1. Aids Vancouver Island - Heather Mackenzie

Heather will be leading a workshop along the topics of safe sex and harm reduction.

2. LGBTQ+ in Writing/Writing Workshop - Robin Stevenson

Robin will be leading half a workshop on the history of LGBTQ+ representation in writing, as well as another half of a workshop devoted to developing writing techniques.

3. Overcoming Panic and Anxiety

Elizabeth and an associate from Guidepost counselling will be coming to lead a workshop surrounding mental health topics and coping strategies.

4. Alyx Macadams

Alyx will be leading two workshops on social activism, and one workshop specifically on "trans stuff for trans folks".

5. GSA 101 - Emma Davis

Emma will be facilitating a discussion based around how to use GSA/QSA's together to make an impact on our surrounding community, as well as how to elevate your in-school GSA/QSA!

6. anti.violence.project - Foundations of Gender Based Violence

This will be part 1 of a two part workshop. Part 1 will focus on the foundations of gender based violence and will be facilitated by the anti.violence.project from UVic.

7. anti.violence.project - Rape Culture and Consent Culture

This will be the second part of the workshop, and it will focus on the ideas of rape culture and consent culture!

5. New Business

Gender Identity & Gender Expression Policy Update - Harold provided an update.

Gender Identity and Gender Expression Update

- All school codes of conduct have been updated as per the requirement of the ministry's anti-bullying policies
- All schools have been provided a copy of the Gender Identity and Gender Expression Policy & Regulation 4305
- All schools have been asked to create an archive for GSA notes and agendas and to build collections of resources that address gender identity and gender expression. New resources are sent to schools on a regular basis and as they are received
- A survey of the needs of each school, based on the new policy and regulation, was completed
- A facilities plan is being developed to align all schools with the new policy and regulation and includes such items as change rooms and washrooms
- A resources link has been established on our district's Healthy, Safe and Caring Schools Website:
<https://healthyschools.sd61.bc.ca/resources-links/gsa/resources>

- SOGI Inclusive Education goals and best practices for creating more inclusive environments for all students have been shared with all schools
- All schools currently have or have identified a gender neutral washroom and 11 signs have been installed with the rest to be installed as part of the facilities plan
- School counsellors have identified the Policy & Regulation as a topic for exploring at their upcoming whole group session
- All schools have been asked to identify a Safe Contact person
- All schools have been instructed to use the preferred pronouns and names requested by staff and students

Upcoming events

- Presentations to school administrators to educate and support the implementation of the policy
- Professional Development opportunities for school staffs

Adjourn 5:00 pm

Meeting Dates (Locations as indicated):

April 18, 2017

Rockheights

May 23, 2017

School Board Office

QUEER, QUESTIONING, TRANS, & ALLIES

youth drop in



EVERY THURSDAY

6:30-8:30 / AGES 13-19

for more info:  facebook.com/outletdropin

pizza party kick off
VIC HIGH - ROOM #212
Thurs Oct. 13th, 6:30-8:30



*** ART * GAMES * MUSIC * SNACKS * CRAFTS * PICNICS * MOVIES * OUTINGS ***

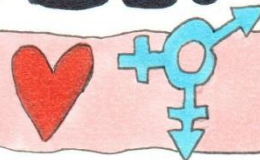
LOCATION: VIC HIGH - ART ROOM #212
1260 GRANT STREET, VICTORIA BC



In partnership with QVic & Victoria Youth Empowerment Society

TRANS FAMILY EVENT

FEB 4th 1-5pm



UPSIDE TEEN CENTRE @

SAANICH COMMONWEALTH

TRANS-ME-DOWN CLOTHIN'
SWAP

WORKSHOPS

Board Games

250-475-7624

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Lots of Food ARTS &
CRAFTS



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The background of the poster is a vertical rectangle filled with horizontal bands of watercolor paint in the colors of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, light green, teal, blue, purple, magenta, and pink. The paint has a soft, blended texture.

Love is LOVE

**Free Youth Pride
Conference**

**April 8th, 2017
Oak Bay High
School**