

District Gender & Sexuality Alliance Notes

Tuesday, November 22, 2016
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Esquimalt

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

Oak Bay:

We've been working really hard on new ideas for love as love and have an over-all look of the event so far, I will bring my notes next month and give an explanation of what we are thinking, if anyone has any ideas or wants to see something different this year or have any tips please get them to email me at this email contact shanewagner1415@outlook.com

Matt Treble attended on behalf of Love is Love to connect regarding planning for this year's event. He will connect with Oak Bay to confirm dates. Matt has been in contact with Guinness Book of World Records to inquire about the world's largest Pride Flag which only requires 250 participants. He thinks we can do this. He also suggested we pick a date that allows more grade 12 students to participate as the end of May is a busy time for grads.

Esquimalt:

Five students will be attending the 2 Spirits, One Heart, One Mind, One Nation LGBTQ2 Aboriginal Youth and Allies Conference at the VNFC. Still waiting on District direction for signage and gender neutral washrooms.

Arbutus:

The GSA has been running for about 3 or 4 weeks. There is lots of enthusiasm with about 15 students participating. The group will be collaborating with Cedar Hill.

Mt. Doug:

The school's GSI, Gender Sexuality Inclusion, club is slowly building momentum. Posters have been made, there was an interesting alteration made to one, and more students are coming. It could be the cookies!! 😊

Rockheights:

The group is currently working on a blanket that they hope to finish at some point and display in the school.

Cedar Hill:

Currently the group is making lunch time announcements and generating an active group. They meet on Fridays and have started a poster campaign in the school.

Lambrick Park:

The location of the gender neutral washroom needs to be reviewed as the location is opposite to where the students are. There is another washroom that can be easily converted. Lambrick has partnered with Gordon Head Rec Centre and Backdoor Teen Centre to offer a drop in and safe space for LGBTQ2 youth on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please call 250-475-7111 for more information. The Lambrick GSA continues to have their bake sale on Thursdays.

3. Guiding Question.

Changing to the acronym SOGI - Sexual Orientation Gender Identity from LGBTQ2++.

Deb Whitten has surveyed all schools with respect to the new Gender Identity and Gender Expression Policy. The Facilities department will now look at applying a district plan that will align the policy with all facilities within the district.

Please follow the link below to an Out In Schools film called Handsome and Majestic. This film follows a transgender boy from Prince George.

<https://healthyschools.sd61.bc.ca/resources-links/gsa/resources/>

4. Year Ahead Planning

- Love is Love Conference - Matt Treble
- Pride Parade
- Anti-Homophobia/Transphobia Week

5. Resources:

JCSH Workshop Resource: Video: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Canadian Schools with Kris Wells

This is rather a lengthy video but filled with explanations and overviews of meanings behind the letters LGBTTTIQQAAP (or variations) and the experiences of children and youth in Canadian schools. Dr. Wells delivers his descriptions, clarifications, and discussion of the value of this work in the lives of children and youth in a wonderful and respectful presentation style.

https://vimeo.com/164908359?utm_source=Keeping+in+Touch+-+Sizzling+Summer+Snippets+&utm_campaign=January+2016&utm_medium=email

Adjourn 5:00 pm

Meeting Dates (Locations as indicated):

January 24, 2017

February 21, 2017

April 18, 2017

May 23, 2017

Oak Bay

Lambrick Park

Rockheights

School Board Office

Below and attached is some information about a new drop-in starting for **trans and gender-creative children in grade 7 or younger, and their families!** This group is *also* for **trans and non-binary parents who have children in grade 7 or younger!**

Come join us in making some gender spectacular community!

Parents and family of trans and gender creative children and youth (up to 25) are also welcome to attend a monthly parent support group. [Details found on attached poster](#)

Thanks,

Alyx

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****NEW** GENDER SPECTACULAR DROP-IN (gr. 7 and younger + families!)** [\(poster attached\)](#)

When: 2nd Friday of the Month (**first one on Dec 9!!!!) from 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Quadra Village Community Centre (901 Kings Road)

Description:

"Come with your gender-creative, transgender, two-spirit, or non-binary kids gr. 7 and under. Siblings welcome! Gender spectacular families of [trans parents](#) with children grade 7 and under also welcome! We will have games, activities, resources, coffee/tea, and snacks"

For more details please contact Alyx at
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Gender Spectacular!

Drop-in for Kids and Families

Come with your gender-creative,
transgender, two-spirit,
or non-binary
kids,
grade 7 and under

Siblings welcome!

Gender spectacular families
of trans parents with children
grade 7 and under
also welcome!"

Every 2nd
Friday of the
month
5:30pm-7:30pm

Located @ the


Quadra
Village
Community
Centre

901 Kings Road

Please join us each month for a
chance to meet and build
community with other families!

We will have games, activities,
resources, coffee/tea, and
snacks.

Dec. 9th
Jan. 13th
Feb. 10th
Mar. 10th

April 7th*
May 12th
June 9th

*one week earlier due
to holiday

For more information please email
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**Free Drop in and
safe space for
LGBTQ2 Youth**

**November
23rd 2016
7-9:00pm
Ages 13-18**

**Backdoor Teen Center
Gordon Head Rec 4100
Lambrick Way**

**Contact
(250) 475-7111
for more information
Snacks Available!**

Group Details:

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month
7pm-9pm
Backdoor Teen Center, Gordon Head Rec
Youth ages 13-19
Snacks available at the first drop in :)
First one is Wednesday, Nov 23rd!

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



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