

District Gender & Sexuality Alliance

Notes

Tuesday, April 17, 2018
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Vic West Elementary

1. Welcome and Introductions - Name, School, Preferred Pronouns
2. School Updates
 - a. Lambrick Park - a very successful Pink Shirt Day. A number of students will be attending the upcoming YCI camp.
 - b. Monterey - a very successful Pink Shirt Day. Trans Inclusion Coordinators from Island Sexual Assault Clinic presented an amazing program to two assemblies at the school. The YCI group did a presentation at the beginning and the Dance club performed as well. The YCI is raising funds to support a community charity.
 - c. Willows - the pink post it notes were used to spread kindness during Pink Shirt Day.
 - d. Hillcrest - just getting started.
 - e. Esquimalt - reinvigorating the GSA as there has been a significant turnover with graduating students. Kathryn, Ang and Ally will be sponsoring the group. The GSA just had a 'fresh info sesh' that involved fliers and buttons and it was well received.

- f. Vic West - great Pink Shirt Day. Post it notes were used to place expressions of what kindness meant to each student. The Kindness Sign was on display in the school. Rainbow Day came early for Vic West with an assembly and events on the first Friday back from Spring break.
 - g. Marigold - an excellent Pink Shirt Day.
 - h. View Royal - has a Rainbow Club with approximately 20 students. On Pink Shirt Day rainbow hearts were used to message that families come in many ways and this is our community.
 - i. Arbutus - are making an art piece for the Social Justice Art Show at Cedar Hill in May. Students are creating a trivia event on May 11th to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ issues leading up to May 17th International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and bi-phobia. Students hosted a rainbow bake sale to raise money for upcoming events.
 - j. Healthy Schools - CYMH day is May 7th. 'Taking Care of Me Matters' is the theme. Family Smart resources can be ordered online.
3. Pride Parade Planning - we will have a float again this year as well as tattoos and t-shirts. We will also have a marching section that will lead/follow the float. If there are other additions that you think would be possible to incorporate, please send the ideas to Harold.
4. Other Business - there is concern that a parent group is holding a rally/demonstration in front of the Legislature on Monday, April 23rd. Their target is the Ministry's SOGI 123 curriculum. Some feel doing nothing will diminish their attempt at getting attention while others feel a peaceful counter is important.
5. PFLAG - Sharon Doty representing PFLAG presented copies of PRIDE Celebrating Diversity & Community by

Robin Stevenson to four of our Middle Schools. We are grateful for the gift and thank Sharon, Robin and PFLAG. If there are other Middle Schools that would like a copy, Sharon has a few.

Adjourn 5:00 pm

Meeting Dates (Locations to be determined):

May 22, 2018

School Board Office

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about gender?

Questions about
coming out as
trans or
non-binary?

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hormones or
gender-affirming
surgeries?

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