

District Gender & Sexuality Alliance Notes

Tuesday, May 22, 2018
4:00 – 5:00 pm
School Board Office

1. Welcome and Introductions - Name, School, Preferred Pronouns - Harold reminded everyone how important it is to respect preferred pronouns. We will make mistakes and it is ok as long as we are willing to acknowledge and support; we will get there together.
2. School Updates - Hello Guys, Gals and Non-binary Pals ☺
 - a. Esquimalt - Rainbow Week included a big dance in the foyer of the theatre that was well received. Pride Victoria provided some amazing prizes. On Saturday a group of GSA students attended MP Randall Garrison's luncheon.
 - b. Rockheights - Every morning of Rainbow Week began with morning announcements. Posters were used to celebrate/educate and Library Resources were displayed and used. Nine students in grades 7 & 8 did interactive presentations to each classroom and included a survey on exposure to anti-LGBTQ language; everyone has been exposed to this language at some time. How do we make Rockheights a safe place? T-shirts representing the colours of the rainbow were worn.
 - c. Cedar Hill - members submitted work to the Middle School Social Justice Art Gallery and walked to the gallery to see other works representing Equality,

Acceptance and Love. The group is working on a video for next year to involve more students. A \$250 grant was given to them by Saanich Recreation to support their club. The money will be used to purchase art supplies and maybe t-shirts. An end of year event is planned that includes face painting and tattoos.

- d. Willows - Post it notes in different colours were used to send positive messages during Rainbow Week.
 - e. Lambrick Park - A number of our LGBTQ students attended the recent YCI Camp and MP Randall Garrison's Luncheon. Lots of activities were organized for Rainbow Week which included morning announcements, Pride & Transgender flag displays, rainbow cookies handed out to supporters, and a display during Transition Day that included information cards for services in the community. The group has reworked the LGBTQ pamphlet to update it.
 - f. Sir James Douglas - During Rainbow Week, the school built the rainbow throughout the week with one colour at a time. There were a number of excellent books as resources available in the Library and the Teacher Librarian was happy to share. Please contact Murray if you are interested in the titles of these new books for your library.
 - g. Trustee's Report - Jordan shared that the Re-imagining Masculinities event was well attended with student tickets being funded. The dress code has passed and we will now begin the conversations on implementation. Our students continue to be leaders and we need to share with others.
3. Gender Ally - www.onmyplanet.ca Harold shared the Gender Ally information. This was also sent to all SOGI Leads in schools and is an excellent resource.

4. Pride Parade Planning - This year's PRIDE Parade will be held on Sunday, July 8th. The event starts at 11 am and we are typically waiting on Government Street south of the McPherson Theatre starting at 10:30. If you are attending, look for the Greater Victoria School District Banner (One Learning Community) and Float (a decorated pickup truck and utility trailer).



We will also be wearing t-shirts with our logo and rainbow.



We will be decorating the float on Saturday, July 7th at noon. We will meet at Esquimalt Secondary School and it usually takes about an hour to complete. I have attached a poster to advertise the parade and Marnice will be sending coloured posters to our Middle and Secondary Schools to be posted in the schools. This event is a non-supervised event and those attending will make

their own way to and from the parade.

Adjourn 5:00 pm

Meeting Dates: Please add the following dates to your calendars for next year. We will determine locations of these meetings at our first meeting on September 18th.

Next Year's Dates

September 18, 2018	School Board Office
October 23, 2018	School Board Office
November 20, 2018	School Board Office
January 22, 2019	School Board Office
February 19, 2019	School Board Office
April 16, 2019	School Board Office
May 21, 2019	School Board Office

You are invited to join
Greater Victoria School District
in the
**PRIDE
PARADE!**



Victoria's Pride Parade is a beautiful display of diversity, spirit, creativity, and unity!

Greater Victoria School District will be participating in the Pride Parade with a float and walking contingent. We would love for you to join us in celebrating our **One Learning Community!**

July 8, 2018

10:30 - 12:30

***As this event is outside of the regular school year it will not be supervised, participation is voluntary.**

To learn more contact your school GSA representative:

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