

District Gender & Sexuality Alliance

NOTES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018
4:00 – 5:00 pm
School Board Office

1. Welcome and Introductions - Name, School, Preferred Pronouns
2. School Updates
 - a. Rockheights - there was a large turnout for their first meeting. The bulletin board is the first focus.
 - b. Sir James Douglas - no club currently. A lot of SOGI within classrooms. An interesting dilemma is what washroom should students be directed to? Boys? Girls? Or is a washroom a washroom? A challenge is FRESH Grade and the inability to use a preferred name.
 - c. PFLAG Victoria - Sharon shared that there are many resource materials that she can provide which include posters and pamphlets.
 - d. Lambrick Park - updated GSA bulletin board that includes the district Pride Parade t-shirt. The school recognized Trans Awareness Day.
 - e. Quadra - it has been difficult to get a bulletin board identified in the school.
 - f. Esquimalt - there have been a few meetings already. The school is looking to explore inviting other schools to be involved with a Drag Show. A parent recently

brought flyers to parent teacher interviews critical of SOGI.

- g. Rogers - the Rainbow Club is up and running. Stickers have been shared and the Teacher Librarian is exploring resources for the school.
- h. Vic West/South Park - no GSAs but the work is starting.

3. Rainbow Celebration Initiative - Cindy Graff

- a. Cindy and Harold met to discuss a celebration initiative and brought the conversation to the GSA table. In her role as the GVTA Social Justice Chair, Cindy was looking to celebrate diversity by having a rainbow crosswalk at each school in the district. There are some significant hurdles to this initiative and Harold wondered if it was possible to explore other options including permission to raise the rainbow flag during a particular event such as International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia in May? We are asking our GSAs to explore possibilities and provide feedback at our next meeting.

4. Love is Love Conference

- a. Who is interested? Matt Treble met with Harold to discuss next steps. He is willing to support the event but not organize and lead as this should be done by youth in the GSAs.
- b. Location - Oak Bay has been the host of the conference for the last two years and it would be great if another school could sponsor individually or as a team. Lambrick Park is interested in hosting and would welcome other support.

c. Tentative Date - We have tentatively picked May 17th as the date and this coincides with International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia. We are also looking at hosting an evening event for all high schools the night before the conference. Please watch for our information poster to come.

5. The year ahead

Adjourn 5:00 pm

Meeting Dates:

Next Year's Dates

November 20, 2018

January 22, 2019

February 19, 2019

April 16, 2019

May 21, 2019

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