

# District Gender & Sexuality Alliance

## Notes

Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
4:00 – 5:00 pm  
School Board Office

1. Welcome and Introductions - Name, School, Preferred Pronouns
2. School Updates:
  - a. Esquimalt: Rainbow week was May 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and culminated on Rainbow Day with a Pride Parade. There was music, costumes and drag. The R&B band played in the foyer and included some slam poetry as well as cupcakes and Pride Society prizes. It was a powerful experience for all. There is an upcoming lunch with the GSA from Rockheights.
  - b. Quadra: Rainbow week included a Rainbow Day Assembly where a student presented a powerpoint on stereotypes. As well, each student was able to add to a Rainbow Wings display.
  - c. Sir James Douglas: Rainbow Week included Library resources, rainbow bracelets and Rainbow Day which included students competing with the Principal to 'out rainbow' him.
  - d. Rockheights: Rainbow Week will happen next week and include streamers and flags. The Esquimalt GSA will be coming for lunch with the Rockheights GSA. The GSA was scheduled to meet once a month but

now meets on a weekly basis as a place to be together.

- e. Colquitz: The Bulletin Board has been updated and a window display was created for Rainbow Week.
- f. Lambrick Park: The Love is Love Conference was held at Lambrick on the 17<sup>th</sup> and was an exceptional experience. The keynote speakers were Monique Gray Smith and Shilpa Narayan. Sessions included Stigma Free Society, Healthy Relationships, Safer Partying, The 'Talk' for Trans Youth and Queer Sexual Health. Next year's event will be hosted by Esquimalt High School. Lambrick continues to build the GSA through school events such as bake sales.

### 3. Upcoming Events:

- a. Pride Parade: We will once again have an entry in the Pride Parade that will include a marching section as well as a float. The Pride Parade is scheduled for Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> with a 11:00 am start time. All are welcome to attend.

Look for the Greater Victoria Banner and t-shirts with the district's rainbow logo:





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- b. The VPS Youth Pride Kick Off Party is posted and we hope you can help us spread the word to all LGBTQ2\* humans 18 and under!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2069699153129420/>

and follow

[https://www.instagram.com/yyj\\_youth\\_pride/](https://www.instagram.com/yyj_youth_pride/) for all the details!

Date and time: June 22, 7-10 (6:30 if you can help set up!)

Location: Fairfield Community Centre, Main Building,  
330 Fairfield Road

Adjourn 5:00 pm  
Meeting Dates for 2019 - 2020 School Year

Next Year's Dates

September 24, 2019	School Board Office
October 22, 2019	TBD
November 19, 2019	TBD
January 28, 2020	TBD
February 25, 2020	TBD
April 21, 2020	TBD
May 26, 2020	School Board Office



 VICTORIA PRIDE SOCIETY PRESENTS   
**\*LGBTQ2\* YOUTH KICK OFF PARTY**

SAT JUN  
22

FAIRFIELD GONZALES  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
- GARRY OAK ROOM -  
1330 FAIRFIELD ROAD

FREE  
18 &  
YOUNGER

7:00 PM  
START  
TIME

It's VPS' Second Youth Pride Kick Off Party! Dedicated to LGBTQ2\* and Allied youth 18 and under, the party is from 7pm to 10pm and will have food, crafts, chill space & queer arts performances! The event is FREE!

*The Victoria Pride Society acknowledges that we serve our communities as visitors on the traditional territories of the WSÁNEĆ (Saanich), Lkwungen (Songhees), Wyomilth (Esquimalt) peoples of the Coast Salish Nation.*

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