

Constitution: Renfrew Collegiate Institute Gay/Straight Alliance

Article I – Club Name

Section 1. The name of this club shall be the Gay/Straight Alliance of Renfrew Collegiate Institute, which may be abbreviated to the Gay/Straight Alliance or simply the GSA.

Article II – Mission

Section 1. The Gay/Straight Alliance's mission is to a) work toward a more accepting environment for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, through education and awareness, to b) help lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) students accept who they are through outreach and peer support, to c) work to dispel the myths surrounding LGBTQ people, and to d) lead by example to promote the value of tolerance and respect for diversity.

Article III – Purview

Section 1. The Gay/Straight Alliance's main focus is Renfrew Collegiate Institute. However, the GSA considers as its purview the entire Renfrew County community, including, but not limited to, other schools in the Renfrew County District School Board. Its purview may be extended through a consensus decision by the executive.

Article IV – Membership and Inclusiveness

Section 1. Membership is open to all students.

Section 2. The GSA accepts members regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, nation of origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability. Especially, the GSA is intended to be a safe club for LGBTQ members.

Section 3. The GSA strongly encourages the straight allies of LGBTQ youth and adults to join and/or to participate in club activities and projects.

Article V – Projects

Section 1. The GSA shall undertake projects throughout the school year in accordance with its mission.

Section 2. Co-operation with other clubs and groups is encouraged if conducive to the GSA's mission.

Section 3. GSA projects shall be socially responsible, aware of human need internationally. They shall never take priority over more pressing humanitarian concerns.

Article VI – Co-Founders and Executive

Section 1. The co-founders of the Gay/Straight Alliance are (in alphabetical order) Lindsey Bell, Trent Eady, and Hailie Harris.

Section 2. The executive of the Gay/Straight Alliance consists of the following positions (executive at time of writing is listed):

Co-Presidents Lindsey Bell, Hailie Harris
Vice President Trent Eady

Section 3. The executive may create new positions as needed. The decision to create positions must be reached by a consensus of the executive.

Article VII – Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. This constitution can be amended with both a) consensus of the executive and b) a minimum two-thirds vote of the club's members.

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