

Virtual Parents' Night Out Event with Bryan Gidinski

May 5, 2022
6:30pm - 8:00pm



Bryan Gidinski is an intermediate elementary school teacher with over 20 years of teaching experience. He currently serves as the District Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Support Teacher for Elementary Schools in the Burnaby School District. He has a passion for writing and enjoys facilitating rich writing experiences for students, so that they develop comfort and become experimental with language and composition. He is also an advocate for ensuring that LGBTQ+ students see themselves reflected in curricular resources, lessons, and conversations.

This event will be hosted over Zoom. Participants will receive the link prior to the event.

Caregivers of children of all ages will find this workshop interesting!



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT SOGI IS AND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IN SCHOOLS?

Bryan will share some insights about why SOGI Inclusive Education has become a part of school context, and the kinds of conversations or lessons learners might encounter in their school experiences.

Some key concepts that the session will touch on:

- Historical context for SOGI in schools (BC Human Rights Code, Ministry of Education directives, Provincial SOGI Educators Network)
- Objectives of SOGI Inclusive Education
- Overview of Key Terms / Vocabulary (Sexual Orientation, Gender Expression, Gender Identity, Sex Assigned at Birth)
- Differentiating between Binary Understandings and Spectrum
- Creating Safe and Welcoming Environments
- Concepts of Representation / Visibility
- Examples of What SOGI looks like in classrooms and within schools
- Addressing misinformation / disinformation / malinformation

Register here:

<https://pno-sogi.eventbrite.ca>

If you have any questions, please contact Tanis Anderson, District Vice Principal, Early Learning.
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