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Report from Henning Drive

DETACHED DUTY UPDATE

All funds for the 2018-19 school year have now been expended.

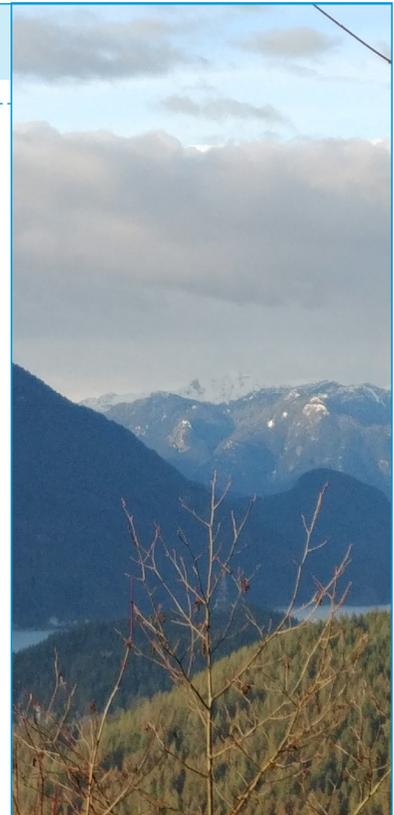
The Detached Duty Committee will have its final meetings of the school year on Thursday, May 16 and again on Thursday, June 13. Applications to be considered at these meetings should arrive at least four weeks prior to the conference date. We will review applications for conferences being held on July 1 or later, which is the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The June 13 meeting is the final meeting to review applications for summer conferences. Applications for conferences being held in the 2019-20 school year are also welcome. Check the BCTF web site for information on conferences being held on the Provincial Specialists Association Professional Development Day in October.

Questions? Email the Detached Duty Secretary, Lori Hope
detached.duty@burnabyschools.ca

HEALTH & SAFETY SURT TRAINING

The Health & Safety SURT Training scheduled for April 17th, 2019 has been cancelled. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **RA**
April 30th, 2019
4pm
Burnaby Central
- **RA**
May 14th, 2019
4pm
Burnaby Central
- **BTA AGM**
May 28th, 2019
4pm
Operating
Engineers Hall -
4333 Ledger
Avenue



SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE SON/DAUGHTER OF A BTA MEMBER

The applications for the scholarship for the son/daughter of a BTA Member has opened.

For more information and application packages, contact the BTA Office at bta3@bctf.ca.

BCTF SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

The BCTF Provincial Social Justice and Aboriginal Education 2019 Conference “ReconciliACTION: Witnessing and walking forward together” is coming soon, and we would like to send you for free! The event will begin at 7:00pm May 24 and end at 4:30 pm on Saturday, May 25. The conference will be held at the Pacific Gateway Hotel at Vancouver Airport Friday, May 24 - where you get to stay overnight at BCTF expense! The hotel will provide a buffet dinner on Friday, May 24 and breakfast and lunch on Saturday, May 25. Travel and childcare costs can also be reimbursed. If this interests you, please submit your name to bta3@bctf.ca.

Workshops include:

- SOGI 123: Salish weaving: Counter narrative and Indigenous feminism in K–12
- Decolonizing
- Aboriginal lens
- Teaching green: Creating climate heroes
- Creating inclusive spaces: Applying an equity and inclusion lens to your local, schools, and classrooms
- Engaging men and boys to prevent gender-based violence
- Indigenous perspectives
- Strategies for discussing controversial issues
- Poverty as a classroom issue
- Settler conversations

DAY OF MOURNING

Did you know that if a worker is injured or killed in BC the likelihood is that worker is young? It may be a former student or a current student in your class. On April 26, 2019, we remember the injured and killed workers, both young and not so young, in our schools. We want to impress upon the students that workers have the right to go to work and come home safe at the end of the day.

Last year we had over 130 Secondary Schools around the province commemorate this event. Burnaby led the way on this, as we had the first secondary school commemorate the Day of Mourning. If you are interested, sign up for the Day of Mourning BC Schools Project at domschools.ca

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REPORT FORM THE BCTF AGM

AGM 2019 proved to be a dynamic, energizing and productive union event! Delegates from Burnaby were active at the mic, bringing attention to the many issues our classroom teachers and school communities face. Thank you to this dynamic bunch for representing Burnaby so well, and for all their hard work! Here are some of the key decisions at AGM:

Elections

President—Teri Mooring

First Vice-President—Clint Johnston

Second Vice-President—Carole Gordon

Members-at-large—Racialized—Susan Trabant

Members-at-large—Violette Baillargeon, Karen Edwards, Rae Figursky, Jody Polukoshko, and Katherine Trepanier

Marjorie Dumont, Robin Tosczak, and Kip Wood are completing the 2nd year of their two-year terms.

On Education funding

That the BCTF call upon cabinet and the provincial government as a whole to:

1. Terminate implementation of a prevalence model for special education funding or other funding for public schools.
2. Reform the provincial funding formula for operating grants to one based on the identified needs of school districts, an equitable distribution of resources, as well as the full mandate of the public education system.
3. Align special education funding with special education needs, closing the current gap between what the current gap between what school districts receive in special education funding and the much greater amount spent.
4. Dedicate funding for early identification and designations of students with special needs, and for in-service for teachers.
5. Move ahead with significant enhancements to operational funding for K–12, beyond the funding increases associated with enrolment growth.

2019–20 Leadership Priorities

That the Federation ignite members' power and advance solidarity in the union, schools, and communities by:

1. Promoting public education as a public good.
2. Taking action on our commitment to inclusive values, democratic structures, and the principles of the Charter for Public Education.
3. Courageously building powerful relationships, honouring diversity, advancing equity, and challenging oppression in all its forms.
4. Amplifying teachers' voices and calling on their profound expertise to lead on educational, social, and environmental issues.
5. Dedicating ourselves to challenging thinking, structures, and systems that perpetuate colonialism and working together with others to ensure that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples are implemented.
6. Building a bold culture of collective bargaining, and member ownership of the collective agreement.
7. Enhancing opportunities for member engagement in the union at the worksite, local, and Federation levels.
8. Preventing the implementation of the prevalence funding model.
9. Advocating for Ministry funded mentoring programs

Please check out the full LR report on the BCTF AGM 2019, provided at the April 30th RA.



BTA Delegation at BCTF AGM 2019. (missing from picture Allison Atkinson, Christina Fernandes, Sara LaBrash)