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Report from Henning Drive

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019/20

The Burnaby Teachers' Association held our Annual Meeting May 29th and we are excited to announce our 2019/2020 Executive Committee. Our Released Officers were all acclaimed for a second term in their respective positions. For the second year in a row, our membership voted in favour of a budget that will see us have full-time release for our President and two Vice Presidents, and 30% for our Professional Development Chair. Congratulations to the following:

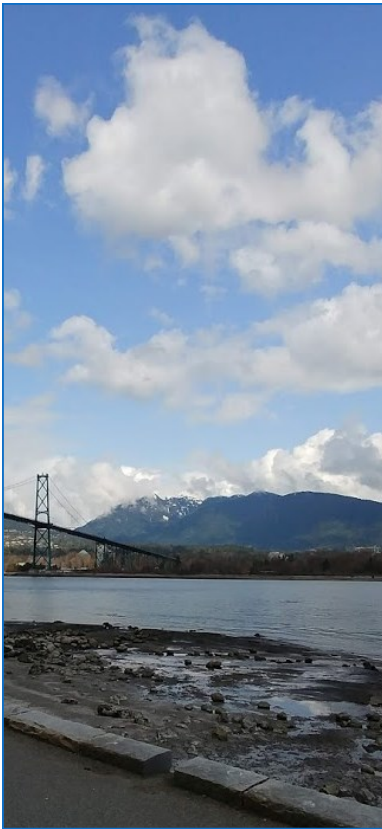
President – Leanne Sjodin
1st Vice – Daniel Tétrault
2nd Vice – Heather Skuse
Treasurer – Patricia Jukes
Secretary – Rae Figursky
Local Rep – Shawnaditta Cross
Local Rep – Shanee Prasad
Local Rep – James Sanyshyn
Elementary Representative – Renee Kerluke
Secondary Representative – Richard Storch
Elementary Member-at-Large – Jennifer Heighton
Secondary Member-at-Large – Katie Marsh
Representative to the Labour Council – Krishna Sharma
Pro-D Chair - (awaiting internal election)
Adult Educators Chair - (awaiting internal election)
Health and Safety Chair - (awaiting internal election)
Indigenous Education Chair - (awaiting internal election)
Social Justice Chair - (awaiting internal election)
TTOC Chair - (awaiting internal election)

We appreciate the hard work and participation of our outgoing Local Reps to the BCTF, Derek Cockram and Donna Morgan.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BTA RA**
June 18th, 2019
4pm
Burnaby Central



TQS GRADUATE DEGREE CAPSTONE

THE TQS GRADUATE DEGREE CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN ELIMINATED

Effective May 1, 2019 an acceptable graduate degree no longer requires a capstone. All other requirements of an acceptable graduate degree are still in place. This change does not affect graduate degrees that contain an initial teacher education program.

If you are currently in TQS category five plus with an acceptable master's degree you MUST apply to the TQS to be considered for an upgrade. No upgrades will be processed automatically. Complete the "Category Upgrade" application on our website and follow the instructions for upgrading. If you have already forwarded transcripts to our office in the past, you need not send them again.

If you are currently in TQS category five or lower with an acceptable graduate degree, this change will not affect your category placement, but may affect your upgrading requirements. If you are in category five or lower with an acceptable graduate degree and require clarification on whether this change will affect your upgrading requirements, please inquire through the "Contact Us" page on our website <https://www.tqs.bc.ca/>

DETACHED DUTY UPDATE

The Detached Duty Committee will have its final meeting of the school year on Thursday, June 13. Applications to be considered at this meeting should be at Burnaby Mountain by Tuesday, June 11, as well as arriving at least four weeks prior to the conference date. This is the final meeting to review applications for summer conferences. Applications for conferences being held in the 2019-20 school year are also welcome.

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INTERESTED IN BEING A MENTOR? OR BEING A MENTEE?

BURNABY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2019/20

As many of you know the mentorship program was relaunched at the start of this school year. With all the new teachers to our district, mentorship is a critical aspect of our life in Burnaby. Approximately 70 teachers participated this past year and we are currently accepting mentors and mentees for the 2019/20 school year. The program has changed or morphed since its inception several years ago and this year we built mentor mentee groups using a cohort style with the goals of creating long lasting collaborative relationships amongst our teaching professionals. The new format has been well received and the meetings are lively and filled with collegial capacity building. The mentorship meetings are held once a month after school, include a light dinner, a key topic with a speaker, and very valuable talk time. If you are interested in being a mentor or are a teacher with less than 5 years' experience and would like to be part of the mentorship program please visit our blog where the applications are available at:

<https://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/mentorship/>

WHITECAPS TICKETS

Congratulations to Marta Raymond and Nancy Sinclair for filling out the bargaining questionnaire and each winning a pair of Whitecaps tickets to the 1979 Anniversary match versus Toronto FC on Friday May 31st.

Bargaining updates are coming through personal email and are posted in the BCTF member portal. If you are not receiving any communication from the BCTF, make sure they have your updated contact information.

CODEV DINNER

The BTA has purchased a table for 10 people at this year's fundraising dinner. Interested members can put their name into the draw to win a seat by emailing bta3@bctf.ca or by calling the BTA office at (604) 294-8141. We encourage members to bring donations to the event to contribute for social change and community empowerment. The event will feature live music, authentic latin cuisine, silent auction, dessert auction and other surprises!

CoDevelopment Canada supports women's rights, labour rights and education rights in Canada and Latin America. This year, CoDev will be celebrating 34 years of building partnerships for Global Justice. The 2019 event will take place on **Saturday, June 8** at the Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph Street, Vancouver. **Doors will open at 5:00 pm** and the table will be under the Burnaby Teachers' Association.

The draw will take place on Tuesday, June 4th at 12:00 pm, so members will have until 11:59 am on June 3rd to submit their names. If you have won a seat, you will be notified via email by 3:00 pm on June 4th. Please be sure that you can attend the event before you submit your name for the draw. We will also be prioritizing members who have never attended before.

BCTF SURVEY

The BCTF invites you to share your experiences implementing BC's redesigned curriculum in your classroom and school. The results from the survey will be used to help teachers and the BCTF make critical assessments of curriculum change over time and continue to advocate for a teacher-led process that enhances public education in BC. This includes working to get you the resources, time, and support you need for the coming school year. Please follow this link to participate:

<http://questionnaire.simplesurvey.com/f/1/CurriculumSurveyC>

REMEDY

This is a reminder to all those that are in receipt of remedy due to class size and composition violations to use their time by June 30th 2019. If you have attempted to access your remedy time and were unable to, please contact the BTA.

DISTRICT JOINT INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

The BTA Executive Committee is seeking interested applicants to share an alternating seat on the District Intervention Committee. This is a two year position. Please submit your name and contact information to bta3@bctf.ca.

TEACHER INQUIRY PROJECT APPLICATIONS

There is an opportunity being offered by the BCTF to engage in a Teacher-Driven Inquiry Project. The BTA Professional Development Committee would like to encourage you to take a look and see if this opportunity would be of interest to you.

Additionally, we would like you to spread the word to see if other colleagues may be interested.

The application deadline is **October 4, 2019**. Applications can be accessed by the link below and can also be found on the BCTF website. We will also be placing it in our Pro-D group, under our 'files' section.

Please apply at the link below: https://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/ProD/TeacherInquiry/TIP_application_form.pdf

TOC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the attached poster about upcoming events for TOC's.

Please RSVP to the BTA Office at bta3@bctf.ca if you wish to attend the EI Information session or the Year End Social.



TOC Committee

Questions? Concerns? Curious?

Your TOC Committee is here to help you navigate the ins and outs of being a teacher-on-call. Come to a meeting, meet your colleagues and get informed. Enjoy some snacks while we share job updates, strategies, and resources.

TOC Committee Chair:

Rachel-Lynn
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Important Upcoming Dates:

Committee Meetings
~~Wednesday, May 8th~~
Wednesday, June 12th

EI Workshop
Thursday, June 6th
Year End Social
Wednesday June 19th

All meetings start at 3:45pm at the BTA Office.



EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE Information

Thursday, June 6, 2019
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Burnaby Mountain Secondary
Room 235 Multipurpose
8800 Eastlake Drive

INFORMATION SESSION

The purpose of this session is to provide Employment Insurance information to TOCs and Temporary Contract Teachers. Please RSVP to bta3@bctf.ca by Tuesday, June 4, 2019 so that we can assure that there will be adequate refreshments available.

Service Canada

Pizza & Refreshments will be served.

Information Session Offered By:
BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION



TOC Year End Social

All Burnaby TOCs are invited to attend!

Come mix and mingle with other Burnaby TOCs and be treated to some pizza and beer by the BTA. Please RSVP to bta3@bctf.ca by noon, Tuesday, June 18th, so that the BTA is able to order enough food for the group.

DATE: Wednesday June 19th, 2019
TIME: 3:30pm - 5:30pm
PLACE: Steamworks Brewery and Taproom
3845 William Street, Burnaby