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# Report from Henning Drive

## GENERAL MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

Draft Agenda Items:

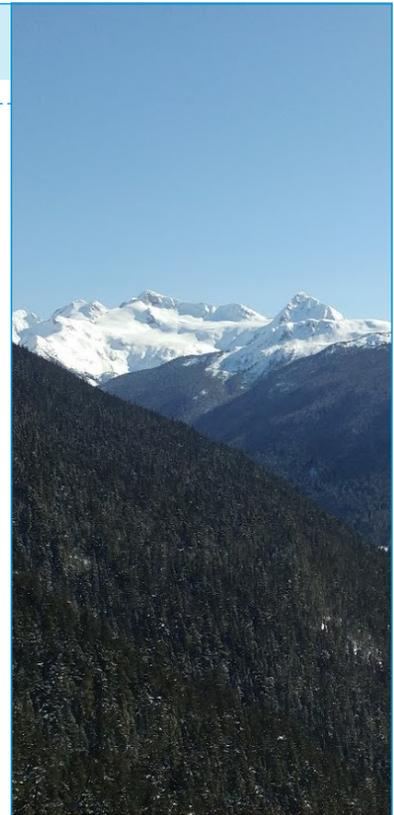
- 25 Year Employee Awards
- MOTION:  
All Candidates who were not successfully selected as delegates are designated as alternates in order of number of votes received.
- Election of BCTF AGM Delegates
- Motion to Endorse Rae Figursky  
MOTION: Morgan / Kinoshita  
That the EC recommend to the January General Meeting to endorse Rae Figursky for election to the BCTF Executive.

Full Agenda is posted on the BTA Website [here](#)

## STAFF REP ASSEMBLY DRAFT AGENDA

Draft Agenda Items:

- New Technology Update
- New Teachers' Induction
- Missed NIS / Prep
- Housing Task Force
- District Pro-D Day
- Curriculum Implementation Day
- Funding Model Review



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **GM/RA**  
4pm  
January 15th, 2019  
Burnaby Central
- **Maternity/Parental Leave Information Session**  
3:30pm  
January 21st, 2019  
Room 1—Burnaby School District Office (5325 Kincaid Street)
- **Job Share Information Session**  
3:30pm-5pm  
January 30th, 2019  
Room 1—Burnaby School District Office (5325 Kincaid Street)



## CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

Curriculum Implementation Day is **Monday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. This is a chance for teachers to further familiarize themselves with the new curriculum. This day is a teacher driven day and an opportunity for teachers to collaborate with their colleagues around the district.

For more information regarding Curriculum Implementation Day, please take a look at:

<https://bctf.ca/IssuesInEducation.aspx?id=5646>

### What are the options for Burnaby Teachers?

1. Work on your own or collaborate with colleagues at your home school site
2. Collaborate with colleagues at other school sites
3. Attend a staff development workshop
4. Attend other relevant workshops

There are options being offered on the Staff Development Calendar. Please take a look to see if there are any events that you are interested in. This site is being updated as things are coming up, so keep checking if you haven't found anything you are interested in yet.

**Please be sure to register for an event that you would like to attend, as some events have limited capacity.** A link has been added for your convenience:

<https://learn.burnabyschools.ca/index.php/events-calendar>

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### Featured Workshops which are currently being offered on the Staff Development Calendar:

**Standard-Based Assessment for Secondary Teachers @ Burnaby Mountain**  
9am -12pm Contact: Christina Fernandes (More Information on Poster on Page 3)

**Embrace the Change: Transforming Assessment and Reporting for Elementary Teachers @ Burnaby Mountain** 12:15pm—3pm Contact: Christina Fernandes (More information on Poster on Page 3)

**Struggling Readers for Grades 3-9 @ Burnaby Central** Contact: Tanis Anderson (More Information on Poster on Page 3)

**Integrating Indigenous Content for ELL teachers @ DLRC** Contact: Anne Thorup  
This workshop is open to ELL teachers K-12. Teachers will be given a number of authentic indigenous resources to explore and consider how they might use them in their classes. Time will be given to plan and share.

**Place Based Learning @ Burnaby Lake Pavilion, Sponsored by:** Burnaby Local Environmental Educators PSA and Staff Development/ Donna Morgan  
Join your colleagues to dive into using the local outdoor environment to connect students to place and to infuse indigenous perspective into your practice. Additionally, there are other great learning opportunities and events that are being offered. The FNESC website is advertising a few events for the day as well. Please see the attached website for your convenience: <http://www.fnesc.ca/events-lfp/>

# CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DAY WORKSHOPS



## Curriculum Implementation Day Standards-Based Assessment: Secondary Teachers

**January 28, 2019**  
**8:30 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Burnaby Mountain Secondary**  
**(Multipurpose Room)**



- If you are interested in Standards-Based Assessment, this workshop will provide you with several frameworks to support you in your practice.
- It is an opportunity for you to meet colleagues in your subject area and explore how standards-based assessment can be used to help you in your classroom.
- If you are interested in joining this session, please register via the Staff Development calendar under the learning portal as capacity is limited.  
<https://learn.burnabyschools.ca/events-calendar>
- If you require Interpreting Services, please email [bta3@bctf.ca](mailto:bta3@bctf.ca).

## Curriculum Implementation Day Embracing the Change: Transforming Assessment and Reporting for Elementary Teachers

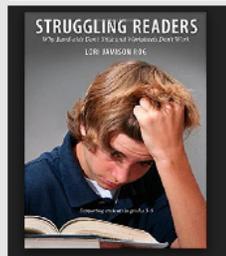
**January 28, 2019**  
**12:15 pm - 3:00 pm**  
**Burnaby Mountain Secondary**  
**(Multipurpose Room)**



- This session will address how to connect assessment practices and data collection to support reporting.
- The use of letter grades and proficiency scales will also be discussed
- K-7 Classroom teachers will be sharing examples of their assessment and practice
- An opportunity to collaborate and dialogue in grade groups will also be a part of the session.
- Register at: <https://learn.burnabyschools.ca/events-calendar>
- If you require Interpreting Services, please email [bta3@bctf.ca](mailto:bta3@bctf.ca).



Burnaby School District's Curriculum Implementation Day  
January 28, 2019 - 8:45-1:00 – at Burnaby Central Secondary A206  
**Presents Lori Jamison Rog**  
**Struggling Readers: Why Band-Aids Don't Stick and Worksheets Don't Work**  
For teachers who work with Grades 3-9 students



Do you have students in your class who can't cope with grade-level texts? With explicit instruction, increased reading volume, and texts that students are able and willing to read, we can make a difference!

In this session, you will receive an overview of the research as well as many practical teaching ideas to help today's struggling readers become the independent readers of tomorrow.

Please contact the BTA Office if you would like the posters to be emailed directly to you.

Other workshops will be posted on the learning portal: <https://learn.burnabyschools.ca/events-calendar>

*Lori Jamison Rog is a teacher, author, and literacy consultant. She is one of the few Canadians to have served on the Board of Directors of the International Literacy Association. Lori is the author of a number of professional books on reading and writing instruction, including Guiding Readers, Struggling Readers, and Marvelous Minilessons for Teaching Nonfiction Writing K-3. She serves as the education director for High Interest Publishing, which produces high interest/low vocabulary novels for struggling readers. A popular speaker at literacy conferences across North America and beyond, Lori is currently an independent consultant, providing professional development to schools and districts.*



**Participants will receive a copy of "Struggling Readers: Why Band Aids Don't Stick and Worksheets Don't Work" by Lori Jamison Rog.**

Snacks will be provided at a short nutrition break. Our session will end at 1:00, so participants can arrange lunch, and have time to plan and reflect with colleagues. Please register on the staff development calendar. For more information, contact Tanis Anderson, Literacy Program Consultant, at [Tanis.Anderson@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:Tanis.Anderson@burnabyschools.ca).

## BTA NOMINEES (TO DATE) FOR DELEGATES TO THE BCTF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 16–19, 2019 at the Victoria Conference Centre.  
For Election at the BTA General Meeting January 15, 2019 at Burnaby Central.

### 1. **ALISON ATKINSON** (Burnaby South)

I'm an English teacher at Burnaby South Secondary. In my 10 years as a Burnaby teacher, I've worked at almost every high school, and have dear friends all across the district. In my teaching life I'm passionate about justice and inclusion issues, especially as they relate to our responsibilities to the Truth and Reconciliation process. I'm the parent of a toddler, voracious reader, and bike commuter.

Outside of school I am involved in municipal politics as co-chair of a progressive party in Vancouver, OneCity, which recently elected a City Councillor and School Trustee. My municipal organizing takes up much of my free time, but I am excited for the opportunity to work with our colleagues across the province at the BCTF AGM. I attended the AGM in 2015 and learned a great deal.

Through my teaching, political work, and family I have gained a deep gratitude for the work of our union in social justice and worker's rights. I am so proud to be a member of the BCTF and it would be an honour to represent you.

### 2. **KATIE MARSH** (TOC)

I would very much like the opportunity to be part of the work the BCTF AGM does this year. A motion around equity and inclusion that I brought forward is headed to the AGM and I'd appreciate being able to speak to it, as well as to other important issues. I think my perspective as a TOC is valuable, and my experience at a variety of BCTF events can be helpful. Thank you for your consideration!

### 3. **ANTONELLA GARCIA** (Burnaby North)

My name is Antonella Garcia and I wish to put my name forward as a delegate to represent the BTA, at the BCTF Annual General Meeting, to be held in Victoria from March 16-19, 2019. Currently I am a BTA Rep at Burnaby North Secondary School, and I sit on the executive of my Provincial Specialist Association (BCATML), as secretary/membership.

This past November, I had the honour of representing the BCTF, at the BC Federation of Labour Convention, as one of eight BTA delegates. Through this experience, I gained insight into matters that concern workers in BC, such as health and safety, education and human rights. Previously, I have attended three BCTF AGM's, each time gaining more knowledge about the process for debating resolutions put forth by various locals.

I ask for your support by giving me your vote! Thank you!

### 4. **ALEX PETERS** (LOA)

I would like the opportunity to attend the BCTF AGM on behalf of Burnaby Teachers. The BCTF AGM is an excellent opportunity to talk to BCTF members from other locals about issues that are important to Burnaby teachers. As an AGM delegate I would be networking with other delegates to get our BTA motions passed and any BTA candidates for the BCTF EC elected.

### 5. **RENEE KERLUKE** (Westridge)

Hello to my BTA colleagues. My name is Renee Kerluke and I am your Elementary Representative on the BTA executive council. I am a grade 4/5 teacher at Westridge elementary and have been with the Burnaby school district for 12 years. I am currently a BTA rep on the Joint Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting committee and have been working with teachers on the new myEd BC report card. I would like to attend the AGM as I am very interested in assessment initiatives and the shift away from letter grades in our schools. Thanks!

### 6. **RICHARD STORCH** (Burnaby North)

I would appreciate the opportunity to attend the BCTF Annual General Meeting in March 2019, as a representative of Burnaby teachers. This is a great opportunity to hear about important issues that are relevant to our local teachers and to teachers around the province. The debate that occurs at this meeting is very informative and helps to share ideas that come from teachers all over the province. Bringing this information back to the teachers in our Burnaby local is very important. I would like to share what I learn at the BCTF AGM with my teaching colleagues in Burnaby.

## BTA NOMINEES (TO DATE) FOR DELEGATES TO THE BCTF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

### 7. **MORGAN MCKEE** (TOC)

As a brand new TTOC with Burnaby, the AGM is an opportunity to learn more about the resolutions and recommendations that will be presented, revealing the future direction of the organization. As my degree is in history and legal studies, I am interested in discussions that involve regulations and policies. Previous experience has included my membership on university student association committees, twice elected to represent students as a council member, as well as founding the first business faculty society. Later I was an electoral commissioner as well as chief electoral officer where I ran the Simon Fraser Student Society elections. This position required following electoral policies and bylaws, communicating with a team, staff, students, media, the board, and candidates, as well as monitoring election fraud. Needless to say, it is a passion of mine to be involved in my community and I would very much appreciate attending this AGM with the other delegates to learn more about the BTA, as well as the BCTF. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

### 8. **NABIL BLAESER** (Byrne Creek)

My name is Nabil Blaeser, I am a Home Economics teacher at Byrne Creek. For the last three years I taught in Chilliwack, and as an out gay teacher I felt very vulnerable to the culture of hatred perpetuated by their anti-SOGI school board trustee. Frankly, I was surprised that this element still had so much power, and it made me realize how important it is to get involved in our communities and to stand up for social justice. Issues that affect teachers affect students. I want to go to the AGM to participate in our democratic community, to be a voice for vulnerable populations, and to see that issues that matter to teachers and students are first and foremost.

### 9. **KEVIN POTVIN** (Kitchener)

As Bargaining Chair during this bargaining round, I'd like to participate in this meeting in order to remain as up to date as possible on news and strategies of other locals from around the province. My two intentions in all my union involvement is enhanced member awareness and promotion of a collaborative approach to contract evolution.

### 10. **SARAH LABRASH** (Byrne Creek)

Greetings, I'm Sara LaBrash, a teacher at Byrne Creek Community School. I'm applying to attend the 2019 BCTF AGM to engage in the larger Federation community and to continue to learn the processes that underlie our organization. After participating in the meeting last year, I have gained appreciation for the important work that take place in those few days, through resolutions, discussions, connections, and conversations, and, this year, I'm enthusiastic to participate and progress the necessary work.

### 11. **JENNIFER OSIRIS** (Taylor Park)

I would like to submit my name forward as a delegate for the BCTF AGM for 2019. I attended last year for the first time; interested in learning more about my union, my experience in 2018 inspired me to get more involved in other ways. I have since become a staff rep at my school, joined two BTA committees, and gotten more involved at the school level with leadership activities, largely because of experiencing the passion and solidarity of my colleagues at the AGM. I would be thrilled to have the opportunity to continue learning about and participating in my union by attending the 2019 BCTF AGM, making new connections and representing my local. Thank you for your consideration.

### 12. **PATTI JUKES** (District)

As teachers working in the public school system, we are constantly challenged by a myriad of issues that can affect both our and our students' future well being. I see the BCTF AGM as a very important democratic body seeking positive solutions for both of us. I have been an active member of the BTA and the BCTF for more than 35 years. I am currently and have been the Treasurer of the BTA since 1990. I am also a member of the BTA Executive Council and the Grievance Committee. At the provincial level, I was a member of the BCTF Bargaining Committee for several years and for the past 19 years I have been a member of the BCTF Judicial Council. I have proudly represented the BTA at several BCTF AGM's and it would be a privilege to do so again.

### 13. **CORA KINOSHITA** (TOC)

It will be an honour to represent the Burnaby Teachers' Association at the 2019 BCTF Annual General Meeting. As a current member of the BTA EC, I believe that it is important to be current with the goals and objectives of the Federation and also be aware of the issues of all the other locals in our union. This is also a bargaining Year and as a member of the BTA committee, bargaining will be a major issue for discussion and decision-making. Elections for our BCTF officers are held during the AGM. It is important to elect the executive who will best represent our members and their needs. Thank you for your support.

## BTA NOMINEES (TO DATE) FOR DELEGATES TO THE BCTF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

### 14. **SHARON FREEMAN** (TOC)

I would be honoured to be elected to attend this year's AGM as a Burnaby delegate. In this bargaining year, I think that it is important that our collective voices are heard by the government. The AGM enables us to speak strongly as we try to ensure that fair wages, support for our teaching and working conditions, and support for our students' needs are recognized. Thank you for considering me as a delegate to this important AGM.

### 15. **JONATHAN MACDONALD** (BCSD at Burnaby South)

As a second time delegate for Burnaby Teachers' Association at the BCTF Annual General Meeting, I would be honoured to represent my colleagues at British Columbia School for the Deaf and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community around the province. It was a rewarding experience meeting and getting to know members of our teaching profession. It was overwhelming seeing all resources available and how we can promote changes on the provincial level. Additionally, I would like to ensure that a "voice" from the Deaf community be included in future delegates, considering that I was the first Deaf delegate attending the 2018 AGM according to BCTF's historical records. Thank you for your consideration and support.

### 16. **CAROL LYNKA** (Confederation Park)

I would like to put my name forward to be a delegate at the BCTF AGM this March. I attended in 2017 and found it to be a stimulating, informative experience (and a lot of fun!) I came away with a better understanding of the issues facing teachers across the province, as well as gaining an appreciation for the work that the union does on behalf of BC's teachers. As a teacher-librarian, I think it's important that non-enrolling teachers have a voice at the AGM, and I will be able to keep the teacher-librarians in Burnaby informed of relevant issues. Thank you!

### 17. **DITTA CROSS** (District)

I would like to be nominated as a delegate on behalf of the BTA at the 2019 Annual General Meeting. It is important to me to be representing the Indigenous Educators voice at the union level. I have been a teacher in Burnaby for 15 years working with Indigenous students from K to 12. My focus is teaching Indigenous ways of knowing, our history in Canada, and passing on traditional teachings to our indigenous students and teachers in the district. I would like to attend the AGM this year to continue working on the goal of equity in our union. I have been sharing ways to integrate indigenous knowledge into the curriculum through my practice and as a facilitator with the BCTF. This work is important and is ongoing in Burnaby and throughout the province. I would like to ensure the BCTF AGM is also a space where our voices are continuing to be heard. Thank you I will work hard to represent our local at the AGM.

### 18. **MARY HOTOMANIE** (District)

I would like to be considered as a delegate for the BCTF 2019 AGM. I have been involved with the BCTF for many years, first as an Aboriginal Education facilitator for 6 years and, most recently, as a member CASJ. I have learned, and continue to learn, much from my experience in both roles. The teaching and learning tools, along with the connections I have made, have increased my capacity in terms of sharing my learning with others and is very useful as a member of the local BTA Aboriginal Education committee. As has been my focus for many years, I continue working hard to support my non-Indigenous colleagues with the integration of Indigenous content, ways of knowing and the history of Canada into the curriculum. I would like to attend the AGM this year to continue to support the work we are doing and the equity work that is ongoing within our union. I offer my support to ensure our union continues to hear Indigenous voices at the AGM. Thank you for your consideration.

### 19. **SUSAN JEFFERY** (Capitol Hill)

Now that I am more firmly established in my new District, I would like to become more involved in the BCTF at the local level. I feel that being a delegate to this year's BCTF AGM would help me achieve this goal and also allow me to work with fellow BTA colleagues on local issues. Being a delegate would also allow me to see my union's democracy in action' from the inside, a perspective which I believe each BCTF member should experience at least once!

### 20. **LEANNE SJODIN** (BTA President)

I value working collaboratively with my union activist peers and will work to ensure that Burnaby has a strong voice at our AGM. Whether it is speaking at the mic or working "behind the scenes" to craft arguments and network with teachers from around the province, my role will be to support the resolutions we bring forward on behalf of Burnaby. I hold a strong passion for addressing the health and wellness of our profession. With the many changes impacting Education in BC it is clear that educators need resource, time and support. I will speak favorably for resolutions that work to diminish the off-loading of underfunding onto teachers. I do not work in isolation, but will garner the input of my colleagues to help strengthen and protect the benefits and resources our membership dues provide. I care about our profession and for the young people we serve. In my role as President, my focus in office has been to stalwartly defend teachers by consistently acknowledging the realities of our job.

## BTA NOMINEES (TO DATE) FOR DELEGATES TO THE BCTF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

### 21. **FRANK BONVINO** (BTA Past President / Fraser Park)

I would like the opportunity to attend the 2019 BCTF AGM as a Burnaby delegate. I have served several roles at the BCTF and at the BTA and believe my experience can be a helpful support for our delegation as we bring forward local resolutions and support initiatives important to Burnaby teachers.

### 22. **DANIEL TÉTRAULT** (BTA First Vice-President)

I would like the opportunity to attend the 2019 BCTF AGM as a delegate for Burnaby. I am currently the First Vice-President of the BTA and every year I look forward to representing Burnaby teachers at the BCTF AGM.

### 23. **HEATHER SKUSE** (BTA Second Vice-President)

I would like the opportunity to attend the BCTF AGM as a delegate for Burnaby in 2019. I am currently released and working in the BTA office after more than 25 years in an elementary classroom. I have attended the AGM in the past and hope to be a voice for Burnaby Teachers once again.

### 24. **BRYAN TESAN** (Kitchener)

I've been a teacher in Burnaby for 10 years now, and over the last years have become more and more interested in the issues and concerns that shape the experience of teaching and learning in our schools. For the last year and half I have been a member of the District Joint Committee on Assessment and Communicating Student Learning, and this experience has been a wonderful learning experience, providing an opportunity to gain new perspectives, and to participate in formative conversations about where the profession is heading. I would love the opportunity to be able to participate in the conversations taking place at the local and provincial level, and would love to attend as a delegate if possible this spring. Thanks for the consideration!

### 25. **TERRY CALLENDER** (Adult Ed)

I would like to put my name forward as a delegate to the 2019 BCTF AGM. I have attended the AGMs over the last 10 years and am passionate about raising the voice of Burnaby teachers. I am a member of the BTA Bargaining Committee as well as the Finance, Social Justice and Adult Educators' Committees. I have been a BTA Executive Committee member for the past 10 years. I would like to bring your voice forward at the AGM and ask for your endorsement.

### 26. **TRACY HEALY** ( Burnaby North)

I would like to be considered a delegate for the BCTF 2019 AGM. I have been involved with the BCTF for four years as an Indigenous Education Facilitator and as a member of our local BTA Indigenous Education Standing Committee. I would like to attend the AGM this year to support the work we are doing in Indigenous education and to support the equity work that is ongoing within our union. Along with my colleagues on the Indigenous Education Team here in Burnaby, we have been working hard to support educators with the new BC curriculum, which integrates Indigenous education throughout all grade levels. I want to ensure our Indigenous voices continue to be heard at the annual AGM. Thank you for your consideration.

### 27. **CHRISTINA FERNANDES** (Burnaby Mountain)

My name is Christina Fernandes and I am hoping that I will be granted the opportunity to attend the BCTF AGM and represent Burnaby Teachers at a provincial level. I have been teaching for 10 years as a Secondary English, Social Studies and Learning Support teacher. In that time, I seen the landscape of teaching change and the complexities of our classrooms growing. I am a passionate about teaching, learning and being a part of positive communities that support all members. It is this passion and experience that has driven me to become an active participant in our union, as I believe that collectively we can make a difference and continue to ensure that BC's education system is one that fosters equity and opportunity.

I am currently chairing the BTA Professional Development Committee and the Joint BTA Professional Development Committee. Additionally, I have been representing the BTA on the Joint Assessment, Reporting, and Evaluation Committee and I am a current member our BTA Executive Committee. This committee work has been rewarding and I have learned a great deal about the importance of being an active member in our teachers union, both locally and provincially.