

BURNABY TEACHERS-ON-CALL



NEWSLETTER



FALL/WINTER 2018

Welcome all new TOCs and returning TOCs!

Teachers on Call Committee for 2018-2019:

- Rachel-Lynn Baird (Chair)
- Tricia Dolton
- Cora Kinoshita
- Dana Chan
- Charlene Minifie
- Leanne Sjodin (Table Officer)

TOC Committee Meetings on Wednesdays for 2018-2019 :

November 21st
January 23rd
February 20th
April 24th
May 22nd

Priority TOCs

The Board of Educators has continued with the process to address the staffing shortage by hiring “Priority TOCs” for the second year. These TOCs are on contract and entitled to contract provisions as classroom teachers. This includes: access to extended medical and dental benefits, professional development, a professional growth day, discretionary days and sick leave. They have been assigned to a home school where they report when needed and attend professional development days.

Co-teaching duties (TOCs being called as “classroom support” or “extra teaching staff” to help offset EA/CUPE absences)

- What is happening? The BTA, CUPE and BBE have an understanding for addressing EA Shortages. After the EA on-call list is exhausted, available TOCs can be called for “classroom support.”
- Are the TOCs expected to perform EA on-call duties? No. TOCs are expected to engage in a co-teaching method with the classroom teacher.
- Are you experiencing difficulties with this type of assignment? Please let us know! Contact the BTA office ph: 604 294 8141.

TOC events

- Friday November 23rd, Training Day: Gilmore Elementary gym 9am—3pm. This is a paid day that a limited number of TOCs (in their first five years of teaching) can attend. Registration details to follow.
- Friday February 22nd, Pro-D Day: location TBA, TOC workshops (priority and eligible regular TOCs will be paid for this day, lunch provided).
- Thursday June 6th Employment Insurance workshop: location TBA 4pm—5:30pm (refreshments provided).
- Please watch for details on other BTA socials (Holiday Mingler BTA/CUPE event, year end TOC social).

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Union Engagement

- Become a TOC Staff Rep, attend monthly Rep Assemblies at Burnaby Central scheduled on Tuesdays (refreshments provided and TOCs are entitled to vote)
- TOCs can send emails (from personal account) to bta3@bctf.ca to be added to the distribution list for meeting reminders
- Join the TOC committee! Attend our scheduled meetings.

School keys

TOCs are entitled to use a school key for the day; TOCs are reporting pressure to return the keys by 3:30pm or 4pm even if they have work to continue. Make arrangements with school secretaries to return keys late if needed.

Proportional Representation—Election Reform

The BCTF and BTA are taking a “pro” position for the upcoming referendum on electoral reform. For background, please see Seth Klein’s article <https://www.policynote.ca/the-case-for-electoral-reform/>.

In solidarity,

TOC Committee

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