

# NOTEBOOK

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## NVTA RETIREMENT TEA Monday, June 12, 2017

### *Seymour Golf & Country Club*

The following names have been submitted from the Board to the NVTA as teachers who have retired since last year's Retirement Tea, or who plan to retire in 2017.

### **Congratulations to the NVTA Grad Class of 2017!**

Sonya Alcock (Seymour Heights)  
Val Batyi (Cleveland)  
Christine Bieg (Carisbrooke)  
Caroline Brook (Upper Lynn)  
Jane Fairbairn (Ridgeway)  
Sue Jacks (Handsworth)  
Susan Jones (Seymour Heights)  
Catherine Kierans (Sutherland)  
Mike Kiss (Boundary)  
Susan Kiss (Braemar)  
Carol McClelland (Queen Mary)  
Norm Nichols (Sutherland)  
Chris Nielsen (Sutherland)  
Josef Osif (Seycove)  
Monika Ostrowski (Leave)  
Anna Pakalnis (Carson Graham)  
Felicity Payment (Brooksbank)  
Jay Prepchuk (Handsworth)  
Dianne Silverwood (Blueridge)  
Nicholas Stock (Handsworth)  
Jeannette Tresidder (Estview)  
Marilyn Wan (TTOC)

## NVTA AGM Election Results 2017-2018 Executive Committee

The NVTA AGM was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, where the following members were elected to 2017-2018 NVTA leadership positions:

### **NVTA EXECUTIVE AND CHAIRS 2017-2018**

President:	Martin Stuible (NVTA Office)
Local Representatives (3):	Robin Deleurme (NVTA Office) Owen Howell (Carson Graham) Sue Megahy (Upper Lynn)
Alt Local Representative:	Susanne Simon (Ross Road)
First Vice President:	Robin Deleurme (NVTA Office)
Second Vice President:	Carolyn Pena (NVTA Office)
Secretary:	Katrina Russell (Larson)
Treasurer:	Carolann Fraenkel (Cove Cliff)
Members-at-Large:	Tara Alexis (Sutherland) Alexa Bennett-Fox (Cleveland) Wendy Lee (Brooksbank)
Bargaining Chairperson:	Carolyn Pena (NVTA Office)
Professional Development:	Carolyn Pena (NVTA Office)
Social Justice:	Stephanie Eglington (Cove Cliff)
Nominating & Ballotting	Roy Hunt (Ridgeway)

- The following motions were passed:
  1. That the Auditor's Report for 2015-2016 be accepted.
  2. That Clearline Chartered Accountants be appointed Auditor for the upcoming year 2016-2017.
- The proposed changes to the Pro D Policy & Guidelines were passed.
- The pizza lunch for the highest percentage of staff in attendance at the AGM was won by the staff of Larson Elementary.
- The door prize was won by Paul Wright (Queen Mary).

*Many thanks to Jorge and his staff from AMAGA Food Services for once again catering a delicious dinner!*

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# KNOW YOUR RESTORED LANGUAGE #1

An important part of our restored language is the support for teachers in the classroom for designated students. Article D.4 provides many supports that will ensure real support for our students. D.4.A.5 specifically states that the following **shall** apply for the placement of a designated student:

- D.4.A.5.b.** The Committee, the receiving school staff, the receiving teacher(s) and the Administrative Officer shall determine the prerequisite conditions and resources for each placement, unless otherwise specified in this article.
- D.4.A.5.c.** Any renovations needed to the classroom, washrooms, or school building, shall be completed before integration begins.
- D.4.A.5.f.** All receiving teachers, affected employees, and special education aides shall:
- i. receive in-service training, before or as the integration occurs, and as required throughout the school year
  - ii. receive this training in collaboration with the Student Services Department
- D.4.A.5.j.** During coffee and lunch breaks for the Special Education Aide, appropriate replacement assistance shall be provided to the teacher
- D.4.A.5.k.** In the case of the absence of the Special Education Aide, all efforts shall be made to provide a substitute aide. If no substitute aide is available, appropriate replacement assistance shall be provided to the teacher.
- D.4.A.5.n.** Release time shall be provided to the receiving teacher(s) upon request, for school visitations, training, planning with the aide and resource teacher, meetings with associated personnel and parents, and such activities related to the integration as the teacher(s) may request.

**Exercise your franchise – Go VOTE on May 9!**

## Retiring this year? *Have you...*

1. Contacted the Teachers' Pension Plan by letter/phone/fax/email or website (<http://tpp.pensionsbc.ca>) and requested that a retirement package be sent to you?
2. If applicable, contacted the Teachers' Pension Plan and applied
  - a. or purchased service arising from a leave of absence within the past five (5) years.
  - b. for a child-rearing drop out credit; or applied
  - c. to transfer service from another pension plan?
3. Contacted the school district to find out when your current health benefits end to ensure you have continuous coverage until the benefits associated with the Teachers' Pension Plan begin?
4. Prepared your resignation letter to be sent to the Board 30 days prior to your retirement?
5. Considered converting your current group life insurance to an individual life insurance policy?
6. Contacted the Teacher Regulation Branch as to certification requirements for the 2017-2018 school year should you wish to remain eligible to work in the BC public school system following retirement?
7. Considered joining the BC Retired Teachers' Association and/or the North Shore Retired Teachers' Association?
8. Contacted the BCTF Income Security staff if you have questions related to any of the above?

### **PERSONALIZED PURCHASE COST ESTIMATOR ON THE TEACHERS' PENSION PLAN WEBSITE**

Your personalized pension information is available at My Account at the Teachers' Pension Plan website (<http://tpp.pensionsbc.ca>). This tool leverages your own personalized pension information and personally selected retirement date to show the impact of purchase of service or addition of child rearing credit on your lifetime pension and bridge benefit. The results are provided in a printable format using the same default options (SGL10 and JL) that appear on the Members' Benefit Statement.

## **LEAVES DEADLINES 2017**

**By May 14** – Part-time/Increase to FTE requests (Article C. 24) p. 65

**By May 14** – Job-Share Requests (Article C. 24) p. 89 (For teachers in full time and part-time assignments, including those currently in Job Shares.

**By May 31** – Committed Transfer Requests (Article E.23.2.d)