

NOTEBOOK

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PENSION PLAN CONSULTATION MEETING

LOCATION: Mountainside Secondary (Gym), 3365 Mahon Ave.

Wednesday, November 25, 2015, 4 pm to 6 pm

All members of the Teachers' Pension Plan should attend this meeting. Often, young teachers do not take the time to attend pension seminars, as retirement seems a long way off. However, any changes made to the plan will impact younger teachers more than teachers closer to retirement. This is because young teachers will have most of their career under the possible new plan. It is important that young teachers attend this important meeting to understand the options and to make their voices heard about potential changes.

COMMITTEE CALL-OUT!

Many joint committees need NVTA members to represent teachers and raise issues important to teachers on many topics. It is important to have teachers with specific experience or interest in the area to apply for these committees and bring an informed teachers voice to the discussions.

Aboriginal Advisory Committee – This committee plays a crucial role in the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement and works to support success for our First Nations students. If you have an interest in working with and collaborating on joint ventures in education with our First Nations community here on the North Shore, then this committee is for you! Four (4) NVTA reps needed.

Band & Strings Committee – The Band & Strings program in our school district needs a strong teachers voice to support and enhance this important program for students. One (1) NVTA rep needed.

District French Immersion Review Committee – This committee will work to enhance the School District's French Immersion program K-12 by increasing accessibility and programming options at the elementary and secondary levels. Needed: One primary teacher; one intermediate teacher; one secondary humanities teacher; one secondary science or math teacher.

Education Week Planning Committee – This committee plans and selects which programs or events will be highlighted and celebrated during Education Week usually held in March of every year. Teachers' voices and influence in selecting programs and events is vital! One (1) NVTA rep needed.

Enhancing School Cleanliness Committee – This is a brand-new committee. We have a new waste management system in our schools. If you care or have ideas, concerns, and an interest in how clean our schools are, then you should definitely volunteer for this committee, so teachers are heard and listened to! One (1) NVTA rep needed.

Inclusion Committee – Inclusion is an important committee that drives initiatives for students with special needs in our schools. Teachers' voices are imperative when it comes to the support and inclusion of special needs students in our schools and classrooms. Please volunteer so that the teachers voice is strong for the students with special needs. Two (2) NVTA reps needed.

Safe & Caring Schools Committee – How safe are our schools? Do you have an interest in being a part of developing initiatives and collaborating on proposing ideas and solutions to ensuring the safety of our schools? The teachers voice is essential! Teachers in classrooms are on the front line every day, day in and day out. Make sure that their voice is heard! Four (4) NVTA reps needed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations and thank you to the following members, who were appointed to various Committees for the 2015-2016 school year.

- Counselling Review Committee: G. Weyell, M. Fletcher, S. Best, K. Greene
- Inclusion Committee: C. Kinnon and D. Kilby
- Information and Communication Technology Committee: C. Fraenkel and B. Hughes
- JEPIC: O. Howell, P. Willemse, B. Hughes, C. Ham, G. Polymenakos, and J. Bertrand
- OH&S: S. Zlotnik and R. Hunt.

DID SOMEONE SAY... CHRISTMAS PARTY?

The NVTA Christmas Party will be held at the Two Lions Pub (2601 Westview Drive) on Friday, December 11, 2015, 3:15 pm onward.

Bring a donation (cash or non-perishable food item) for the local food bank and qualify for a ticket in the NVTA Annual Turkey Raffle (actually, a \$50 grocery store gift card!).

Come and enjoy a delicious selection of hot and cold appetizers and stay for the good times, great company, and awesome door prizes.

Cash bar with Happy Hour drink specials from 3 pm to 6 pm.

“LIVING WITH BALANCE” –

A program for BC Teachers

Are you overwhelmed? Anxious? Tired? Spending all your time thinking about your work and not enough of your time on building the quality of your life? Or do you simply want to learn some strategies to maintain your overall wellness and resilience? If so, then “Living with Balance” is for you. Contact lori@humanworks.ca or phone 604.341.4220 for information. Register at <http://www.bctf.ca/forms/LWB-registration.aspx>. The workshop will be held at the new NVTA office: 240 – 233 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, BC

Tuesdays (Nov 3 – Dec 8) from 3:45 to 5:45 pm.

- Three (3) spaces available.

OR

Thursdays (Nov 12 – Dec 10) from 3:45 to 6:00 pm.

- Six (6) spaces available.

This is the second year that the School District has supported this worthy initiative. If you have any questions, please call NVTA First Vice President, Martin Stuible, at the NVTA office, 604.988.3224.

NVTA Meetings and Events 2015-2016

NOVEMBER 2015

November 11	Remembrance Day
November 18	NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
November 25	Pension Plan Consultations (Mountainside)

DECEMBER 2015

December 11	NVTA Christmas Party (Two Lions Pub)
December 16	NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

December 19, 2015 – January 3, 2016

CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 2016

January 4	Schools Reopen
January 20	NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
January 27	NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church)

FEBRUARY 2016

February 5	Professional Development Day
February 8	Family Day
February 17	NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

MARCH 2016

March 9	NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
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March 12 – March 27, 2016

SPRING BREAK

March 12-15	100 th BCTF AGM (Hyatt Regency, Vancouver)
March 25-28	Easter Break
March 29	Schools Reopen