

NOTEBOOK

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A Special Thank You to all the C.I. Facilitators

CURRICULUM DAY

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On Monday, February 29 teachers from across the district converged at a few schools and spent the day exploring the new curriculum and sharing ideas with colleagues. The many different sessions that were offered wouldn't have happened without the teachers who stepped forward to volunteer to facilitate the groups. It is a daunting task to volunteer to lead a session for colleagues from many different schools on a new curriculum that hasn't been implemented yet. The NVTA wants to extend a special *thank you* to all the teachers who lead sessions and for all the planning and preparation work they did to make the sessions so successful. Working alongside those teachers were administrators from various schools who also volunteered to be facilitators. The NVTA wants to extend a special *thank you* to those administrators, as well as to the administrators at all the schools in use on Monday for their organizational support. Large-scale events like these run much more smoothly with the support of school principals.

Implementing the new curriculum for Kindergarten through Grade 9 will begin in September 2016 but it should be viewed as a long-term process, rather than an event. The Provincial Curriculum Framework Development Team, which includes representatives from BCTF, Ministry of Education, BC School Superintendents Association and BC Principals' and Vice Principals' Association, acknowledges that it will take time for teachers as they begin implementation in September 2016 and that it will be an ongoing process. Teachers will proceed through this process at different speeds, and with different levels of comfort. It is important that all teachers keep this in mind in relation to themselves and their colleagues.

On May 20, teachers will have another formal opportunity to meet together and continue the discussion and work on implementing the new curriculum. Further details about the structure and schedule for May 20 will be provided after Spring Break.

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COMMITTEE CALL-OUT

Embedding Technology into Classroom Instruction

This committee will collect data to establish the current level of technology integration within curriculum and establish what types of supports are required to further enhance the integration of technology in the supporting of teaching and learning environments.

The NVTA is looking to appoint both teachers with extensive experience integrating technology into the classroom and teachers with little or no experience.

One primary, one intermediate and one secondary teacher are still needed.

ONE REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED TO JOIN THE NVTA'S BCTF AGM DELEGATION

March 12 – March 15, 2016

If you are willing to devote a portion of your two-week Spring Break to join the debate and do some decision-making on behalf of your NVTA colleagues, then please put your name forward to join 18 of your fellow teachers at the 100th BCTF AGM from Saturday, March 12 to Tuesday, March 15 at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver. Please contact C. Pena or M. Stuble at the NVTA office for more information.

LEAVES DEADLINES 2016

March 15 – Long-Service Part-Time Leave (Article G.40) p. 119

March 15 – Educational Improvement Leave – (Article G.29) p. 113 – 115

March 31 – General/Personal Leave of Absence, Self-funded Leave (Article G. 38) p. 118

March 31 – Teacher resignation/retirement planned for 2015/2016 (30 days notice for resignations, as much notice as possible for retirements to aid in staffing)

March 31 – Teachers on leave to June 30 must notify Board of their intentions for the following school year.

By March 31 – Self-funded Leave Plan (Article G.39)

May 1 – Intra-District exchange request (Article E. 23.2.b) p. 89

Before May 15 – Part-time/Increase to FTE requests (Article C. 24) p. 65

Before May 15 – 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)

SPRING BREAK
at the NVTA Office
The NVTA office will close for
SPRING BREAK
at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 11,
2016 and will re-open on
Tuesday, March 29, 2016
after the
EASTER long weekend.

NVTA-NVSD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM CALL-OUT

The NVTA and the NVSD will be re-launching the Mentorship Program. We are committed to providing a strong mentorship program where both the mentor and mentee gain from the experience. Building on the strengths and capacities of the teachers in our District, the Mentorship Program is intended to support teachers in meeting their professional learning goals. Training and release time will be provided to support mentors and mentees.

All teachers will be emailed a mentor/mentee application form. Interested teachers should submit their application forms to NVTA Office Manager, Beth Triggs by email at btriggs.nvta@telus.net, or fax 604.980.8092 by Tuesday, March 29, 2016.