

NOTEBOOK

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Pro D Conference *Diversity* Friday, February 24, 2017

What you need to know

Registration opened on Booking Central on Wednesday, January 18 at 8 am.

Early registration is strongly encouraged for both the Keynote address (seating is limited!) and all workshops.

Registration will close on February 8, at which time workshops with very low registration will be cancelled. It is really important that people register so that we have an accurate idea of demand for workshops.

If you require *registration assistance*, please contact NVTA Office Manager, Beth Triggs, at 604.988.3224 or by email at btriggs.nvta@telus.net.

If you require *technical assistance* with Booking Central, please call the Board office IT Help Line at 604.903.3484.

Conference questions and enquiries should be directed to NVTA Professional Development Chairperson, Carolyn Pena at the NVTA office, 604.988.3224.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The NVTA Executive hopes everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that your start to 2017 has been smooth.

The NVTA office is humming with activity as we prepare for the Pro D Conference in February and continue our discussions with the District on how to allocate North Vancouver's share of the \$50-million arising from the interim agreement between the BCTF and the provincial government. For North Vancouver, this translates into \$1.27-million and 30-40 full time teachers. We will continue to update CSRs and all members. At the provincial table, the parties continue to discuss the restored language and the timelines for full implementation. The ideal situation would be an agreement reached by the BC Budget day on February 21 so that the government can demonstrate it is committed to providing the hundreds of millions of dollars that will be required.

We are pleased to have Teri Mooring as the guest speaker at our General Meeting this coming Wednesday at St. Martin's Hall.

In addition, the NVTA Executive and Representative Assembly endorsed the candidacy of Bowinn Ma, the New Democratic candidate for North Vancouver-Lonsdale and have invited this impressive candidate to say a few words at the start of the meeting.

Finally, we will be electing our delegates to the BCTF AGM at this meeting. The March AGM should prove to be historical as we celebrate the restoration of our language that resulted from our stunning victory at the Supreme Court of Canada in November.

FINAL CALL FOR NVTA DELEGATES TO THE 2017 BCTF AGM

The North Vancouver delegation to the BCTF AGM will be elected at the January 25, 2017 General Meeting.

To put your name forward, please contact NVTA President, Martin Stuible (martin@nvta.ca), or First Vice President, Robin Deleurme (robin@nvta.ca), at the NVTA office for more information. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor of the General Meeting.

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COMMITTEE CALL-OUT for RESTORED COMMITTEES

In order to prepare for the implementation of our restored language, the NVTA is accepting applications for the following committees:

- **Secondary Electives & Adapted Academics Committee** – Secondary teachers of elective courses and adapted academic courses are needed for this committee, to consider which courses would be allowed to exceed the limits set out in the class size and composition language based on the nature of the course. Two NVTA reps needed.

- **Special Needs Schools** – This committee will identify schools with significant social, emotional and economic needs to provide additional resources to. Three NVTA reps needed.

- **Mainstreaming/Integration Committee** – This committee will study the issue of mainstreaming, integration and inclusion across the district. Four NVTA reps needed.

- **Screening Committee** – This committee will begin to prepare to screen students for identification and resource allocation. Four NVTA reps needed.

NVTA MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JANUARY 2017

18 NVTA Rep Assembly (Sutherland Library)
20 Curriculum Implementation Day
25 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church) - elect delegates to the BCTF AGM

FEBRUARY 2017

13 Family Day
15 NVTA Rep Assembly (Sutherland Library)
24 District-wide Professional Development Conference
24-25 BCTF Conference for New Teachers

MARCH 2017

8 NVTA Rep Assembly – dinner meeting (Sutherland)

11-26 SPRING BREAK

18-21 101st BCTF AGM
27 Schools reopen

APRIL 2017

14-17 Easter Long Weekend
19 NVTA Rep Assembly (Sutherland Library)
26 NVTA AGM & Social (St. Martin's Anglican Church) - elect NVTA Executive & Chairs for 2017-2018

MAY 2017

8 Professional Development Day
17 NVTA Rep Assembly (Sutherland Library)
22 Victoria Day

JUNE 2017

12 Retirement Tea (Seymour Golf & Country Club)
21 NVTA Rep Assembly (Sutherland Library)
29 Last day of school

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Last week, a memo was sent out to everyone reminding members that the District has made its annual call for participation in the FSA District Leadership Team and the scoring of the FSAs. As we remain fundamentally opposed to these tests, the NVTA and BCTF are asking teachers not to participate in the marking of the FSAs. The NVTA has placed an ad in the *North Shore News* summarizing our concerns about these tests to parents.

BCTF CONFERENCE FOR NEW TEACHERS, NEW TTOCS, AND STUDENT TEACHERS *February 24 – 25, 2017*

The BCTF Conference for new teachers, new TToCs and Student Teachers will be held February 24 and 25, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel, 8181 Cambie Road, Richmond, BC. Registration opens in mid-January.

• Workshops • Networking • Resources Fair

For more information: Contact: Cécilia Huard de la Marre, 604.871.1869 (local 1869) or via email at chuarddelamarre@bctf.ca or visit the website: bctf.ca/NewTeachersConference2017

On a first-come, first-served basis, the NVTA will pay the registration fee for TToCs to attend the conference. Contact NVTA Office Manager, Beth Triggs, for more information at 604.988.3224 or btriggs.nvta@telus.net.