

NOTEBOOK

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NVTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SOCIAL

Guest Speaker:

BCTF President, Glen Hansman

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 3:30 – 7:00 pm

Third and final call for Candidates!

The following is a list of declared candidates standing for election to the 2018-2019 NVTA Executive and/or Standing Committee Chair positions:

President:	Martin Stuible
First Vice President:	Robin Deleurme
Second Vice President:	Carolyn Pena
Local Representatives: (elect two or three)	Robin Deleurme Owen Howell Sue Megahy Carolyn Pena Susanne Simon
Alternate Local Rep:	Katrina Russell
Secretary:	Carolann Fraenkel
Treasurer:	Roy Hunt
Member at Large: (elect two)	No declared candidate
Nominating & Balloting:	No declared candidate
Professional Development:	Carolyn Pena
Social Justice:	No declared candidate

Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the Annual General Meeting. Please join us at the AGM and exercise your right to vote for your NVTA representatives!

PRELIMINARY STAFFING CHALLENGES

Preliminary staffing numbers are in and they are causing great concern among staffs throughout the District.

Elementary counseling has been reduced to 6.3 FTE, an almost 50 percent reduction from last year. Many schools are seeing proposed classes that include seven, eight, and even nine designated students. This would produce up to 18 hours of remedy for a teacher every month. That is almost four whole days of remedy time.

Considering all the challenges teachers have faced with remedy time this year, we are looking to the District to reduce the amount of remedy needed, not increase it. This fits no one's definition of Best Efforts.

Staff Committees should be looking at the numbers and recommending an organizational plan that meets the restored language. We did not win the restoration of our stripped language to face classes such as these. Review the numbers and make your recommended changes. We will be discussing this further at our Staff Rep Training on May 15, 2018.

ATTENTION: CHIEF STAFF REPS

Staff Rep Training Meeting Reminder

Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

**LOCATION: Lynn Valley Village Community Complex
Community Multi-purpose Room**

NVTA RETIREMENT TEA

Monday, June 11, 2018

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 2018.

Congratulations to the NVTA Grad Class of 2018!

Angela Anzovino (Highlands)
 Karen Barnett (Dorothy Lynas)
 Serge Bedard (Leave)
 Kelly Berry (Argyle)
 Dennis Braam (Seycove)
 Janet Dunkin (Argyle)
 Dorothy Foster (Sutherland)
 Louise Gagnon (Ross Road)
 Marly Haller (Canyon Heights)
 Andy Hone (Ridgeway)
 Jackie Krystal (Upper Lynn)
 Michael Langille (Handsworth)
 Janet Lonergan (Larson)
 Bill Mahon (Sutherland)
 Teresa McGee (Highlands)
 David McGerrigle (Leave)
 George Monkman (Learning Services)
 Betty Nobel (Learning Services)
 Deborah Nykyforuk (Brooksbank)
 Jane O'Dowd (Leave)
 Patti Stewart (Dorothy Lynas)
 Terre Swan (Seymour Heights)
 Carol Tallman (Lynn Valley)
 Bryan Taylor (Argyle)
 Martine Wakefield (Argyle)
 Nancy Walter (Argyle)
 Andrew Wiet (Ridgeway)
 Steve Woodyard (Carson Graham)
 Susan Young (Carisbrooke)
 Lori Zuk (Handsworth)

SPRING POSTING ROUNDS

Round One: May 2 – 9
 Round Two: May 16 – 23
 Round Three: May 30 – June 6
 Round Four: June 20 – 27

The NVTA has determined three district-wide Pro D dates for the 2018-2019 school year –

- Friday, October 19, 2018 (PSA PD Day, province-wide)
- Friday, February 15, 2019
- Monday, May 6, 2019

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 bent 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 2018-2019 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 2018

Deadlines Approaching!

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

May 14 – Job-Share Requests (Article C.24) p. 65 (For teachers in full time and part time assignments, including those currently in Job Shares.

May 31 – Committed Transfer Requests (Article E.23.2.d) p. 90