

NOTEBOOK

Issue #1 September 6, 2018



NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

*St. Martin's Anglican Church
Wednesday, September 26,
4:00 p.m.*

Proposed motions for consideration at the General Meeting

1. That the NVTa fee for the 2018-2019 school year be set at 0.80% of a teacher salary.
2. That the 2nd Vice President be released at 0.6 FTE for the 2018/2019 school year.
3. That the Professional Development Chair be released at 0.4 FTE for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. That the NVTa Executive Committee Days policy for the 2018/2019 school year be recommended to the NVTa General Meeting.
5. That compensation in the form of one day at the current rate be provided to each executive member (excluding the President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President) and Standing Committee Chairpersons who attend the Summer Planning Session.
6. That the Representative Assembly recommend to the General Meeting that the CSR Compensation Policy be adopted, as determined by the Rep Assembly.
7. That the NVTa reimburse the Treasurer for two summer workdays.
8. That the proposed budget 2018/2019 be adopted.
9. That the proposed NVTa Goals & Priorities for 2018-2019 be adopted.

**The first NVTa REPRESENTATIVE
ASSEMBLY of the school year is on
Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at
Sutherland Library.
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Where did the summer go? Despite the smoky days of August, I hope you all found time to relax, reenergize, and refocus with family, friends and those dearest to you.

As you work through the first few first weeks of school, I wanted to send along my warmest wishes for a successful start to the 2018-19 school year. I will never cease to be amazed at your professionalism and dedication to the students of North Vancouver. Know that we in the NVTa will always be there for you, to support and guide you, to advocate and to listen, as we work together to make this District the best it can be.

The year promises to be as busy as ever on the union front. We are gearing up for a new Collective Agreement and hope for a successful negotiation that leads to a new contract by the end of this year. As well, Trustee elections take place on October 20. Please note that this October 20 day is a month earlier than previous municipal and trustee elections. Anyone interested in joining our Political Action Committee should contact us at the NVTa. We will be holding a joint All Candidates' Meeting with CUPE at a date and time to be announced. There promises to be many candidates and we will share information as it comes along. There will also be a referendum conducted by mail-in ballot on whether to change our electoral system from the current first-past-the-post system to one that is based on proportional representation. The ballots and information will be sent to your home and are to be returned between October 22 and November 30.

With the Employee Engagement Survey already coming up to the two year mark, my personal goal is to advocate for real change in this District. I will take every chance I get to speak for you with a passion and understanding that reflects the words you share with us everyday through emails, phone calls, Rep Assemblies, and General Meetings. With your amazing skills and devotion to public education, the support of the many dedicated school based administrators, the election of school trustees who are not afraid to ask tough questions, and senior management that is not afraid to listen, we will build a system where every employee feels fully valued by the District.

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Please spread the word that our first **General Meeting** of the year will be on **Wednesday, September 26 at St. Martin's Hall at 4:00 pm.**

As always, do not hesitate to call us at the NVTA office at 604 988 3224 if you need any support at all. You can also email us at either martin@nvta.ca, robin@nvta.ca, or carolyn@nvta.ca.

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year.

Martin Stuible, NVTA President

PROPOSED NVTA GOALS & PRIORITIES 2018 - 2019

All NVTA members are committed to our students and Public Education.

All NVTA members:

- Continue to build relationships with parents and community members to advocate for students and public education and increase awareness of our Collective Agreement language,
 - Understand and exercise our professional rights and responsibilities,
 - Are informed about and engaged in bargaining as we negotiate a new Collective Agreement,
 - Advocate for and enforce local and provincial working and learning conditions,
 - Are informed about and engaged in local trustee and municipal elections,
 - Are engaged in our union and aware of our rights as outlined in the Collective Agreement, and of the Collective Agreement's vital importance in the workplace,
 - Are committed to and engaged in professional learning, recognizing that teachers are best able to identify our own professional learning needs,
 - Are supported in the process of implementing the new curriculum at our own pace,
- and** every North Vancouver school has a staff committee that meets regularly and is inclusive, valued, proactive and committed to collaborative decision-making.

NVTA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2018-2019

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 19 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 26 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church)
- adopt NVTA Goals/Priorities, Budget & Fee 2018/2019

OCTOBER 2018

- 5 World Teachers' Day
- 8 Thanksgiving
- 17 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 19 Professional Development Day

NOVEMBER 2018

- 2 District Curriculum Implementation Day
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 12 Remembrance Day Stat Holiday
- 21 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

DECEMBER 2018

- 7 NVTA Christmas Party (Location TBD)
- 19 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 6 CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 2019

- 7 Schools reopen
- 16 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 30 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church)
- elect delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting

FEBRUARY 2019

- 15 District-wide Professional Development Conference
- 18 Family Day
- 20 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

MARCH 2019

- 13 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 16-19 103rd BCTF Annual General Meeting (Location TBA)

MARCH 16 - MARCH 31 SPRING BREAK

APRIL 2019

- 1 Schools reopen
- 17 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- followed by NVTA All-Candidates Meeting
- 19-22 Easter Long Weekend
- 29 National Day of Mourning

MAY 2019

- 6 District-wide Professional Development Day
- 8 NVTA Annual General Meeting & Social (elect NVTA Executive & Chairs for 2019-20)
- 15 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 20 Victoria Day

JUNE 2019

- 10 Retirement Tea (Seymour Golf & Country Club)
- 19 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 27 Last day of school
- 28 Administration Day