

# NOTEBOOK

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## NVTA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 4 p.m.  
St. Martin's Anglican Church

The NVTA Executive is pleased to welcome **BCTF President, Glen Hansman** as guest speaker at the January 30, 2019 General Meeting.

Delegates to the BCTF AGM will be elected at this important meeting.

If you are interested in putting your name forward as a delegate, please contact NVTA Office Manager, Beth Triggs ([beth@nvta.ca](mailto:beth@nvta.ca)) for a nomination form.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

## A Holiday Message From NVTA President, Martin Stuible

On behalf of the entire NVTA Executive, my deepest wishes to you all this winter break. In the true spirit of the season, may you find peace and joy and time to relax with those dearest to you.

I so appreciate what you all do each day as educators. You truly provide the greatest service one could ever ask for. You change lives each and every day and for that you should be so proud.

For now, make the most of these two weeks, even if that means doing absolutely nothing at all. The holidays can be so busy but I urge each and every one of you to find time to look after yourself.

May love, hope and happiness be yours this holiday season and always.

As Ringo Starr likes to say, "Peace and Love. Peace and Love."

## LOOK FOR INCREASED LST TIME IN THE NEW YEAR

As part of a mediated settlement between the BCTF and BCPSEA, the provincial ratios that determines the number of LST teachers in North Vancouver will no longer be calculated using SLPs and School Psychologists.

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### NVTA Professional Development Conference

Friday, February 15, 2019

The conference booklet was emailed out last week to all teachers. Every school also received hard copies of the booklet. It is also posted on the NVTA website ([nvta.ca](http://nvta.ca)) under the Pro D tab.

There are a variety of workshops on offer. Please take some time to review the options.

Registration for the workshops and the Keynote Speaker will open on Booking Central on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

**Many workshops fill up quickly! PLEASE register early to avoid disappointment!**

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If this mediated settlement had been followed in September, in North Vancouver this would have resulted in 15 more full time Learning Support Teachers. The actual amount will now be significantly more as these postings will not be filled until January and that necessitates that the 15.0 FTE be pro-rated for the remaining six months of the school year.

If any part time Learning Support Teachers are interested in increasing their point time, now would be a great time to pursue this. The District has indicated they are having trouble filling LST positions but hopefully the creation of more full time positions will make this position more attractive. Further, caseloads of LSTs have become overwhelming and this increase of LST FTE will go a long way to help make the job more sustainable. In addition, over the past few years, several motions have been passed at NVTA Representative Assemblies requesting that there be a separation of the LST position into LST and LAC. This would also make recruitment and retention significantly easier.

Finally, the MOA signed between the BCTF and BCPSEA on March 9, 2017 ensures that these positions do not remain unfilled due to a district's inability to fill. Section 7.v of the MOA outlines the process of the local parties meeting to discuss alternatives in order to utilize the FTE in another way. Either way, this is good news all around that will result in improved services for our students.

## **NVTA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2018-2019**

### **DECEMBER 2018**

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)

16-19 103<sup>rd</sup> BCTF Annual General Meeting (Victoria)

**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

## **NOTEABLE CHRISTMAS NEWS**

Thank you to all members who attended the NVTA Christmas Party. With your donations to the Harvest Project, you have helped improve the lives of families in need on the North Shore. Congratulations to Arleene Ewing from Upper Lynn who won the Annual NVTA Turkey Raffle.

The NVTA office will close for Christmas break at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2018 and will reopen on Monday, January 7, 2019.

*We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday ~*

***Merry Christmas!***