

NOTEBOOK

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ILLUMINATE!

**North Vancouver Teachers' Association
Professional Development Conference
Friday, February 15, 2019**

Registration is open and busy – members are reminded to review available workshops on Booking Central and register as soon as possible!

Help us to make our event more environmentally sustainable

- The conference committee strongly encourages all members to **bring a reusable coffee cup and/or water bottle**. In order to reduce waste, no plastic water bottles will be available on site.
- For those who do not bring their own water bottle, paper cups will be available by the fountains.
- Coffee and goodies will be provided in the morning.
- There will be no bagged lunches. Instead, trays of assorted sandwiches and fruit (served on napkins) will be available.
- Leave the car at home! If convenient, please walk or take transit. **Members are reminded that on conference day the Carson Graham school parking lot is reserved for invited guests and presenters ONLY.** There will be an overflow parking lot on the gravel field south of Carson available on a first-come first-parked basis for attendees.
- Members are reminded that *Illuminate* is a scent-free event.

Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM THE NVTA PRESIDENT

While the rest of the country is in a state of deep freeze, the primroses in my garden are in full bloom, a clear sign that the school year must be half way over.

Together, we have accomplished much this year as we continue to ensure the successful implementation of the language that was stripped for so long. Our workshops on SBRTs are helping to ensure that supports are in place for our most complex students. With our restored District joint committees we now have District agreement that low incidence hours stay with the student while high incidence hours are distributed by the School Based Resource Team.

While there has been challenges with the LST ratios and the incredible workloads the failure to meet this ratio has created, we are hopeful that we will soon reach an agreement that sees the full utilization of close to 30 new full time positions. We also recently reached an agreement on a Fourth Option for remedy. This entails new Helping Teacher positions that will provide specific subject support in the form of units and resources. On Thursday you should receive an email with details and a link to request this option. The selection of this option is completely at the discretion of the teacher as the original three options remain. If you have any left over remedy from last school year, this should now be added to your bank to be used this school year.

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REPORT FROM THE NVTA GENERAL MEETING

Congratulations to the following members, who were acclaimed as NVTA delegates to the BCTF AGM to be held in Victoria in March (in alphabetical order): T. Alexis, D. Arbez, A. Bennett-Fox, C. Bergstrand, C. Fannon Bird, M. Boljuncic, W. Chaddock, R. Hunt, W. Lee, S. Megahy, K. Russell, M. Stuible, M. Thomson, C. Wilson, and G. Smail (Alt).

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A Message from the President – continued from page 1

On Wednesday we had a great turnout for our General Meeting. BCTF President Glen Hansman updated everyone on the happenings at the provincial level. We are fortunate to have Glen at the helm as we head into bargaining. Thank you to all the delegates who were elected to represent North Vancouver this Spring Break for the upcoming BCTF AGM. We so appreciate you giving up your well earned vacation time for this important event.

We are excited that former NVTA President and current Pro D Chair and Second Vice President, Carolyn Pena, has decided to throw her hat back into the ring with her announcement that she will be running as a candidate for Member at Large on the BCTF Executive. My deepest thanks to First Vice President, Robin Deleurme, for all that he does representing members day in day out. I also want to acknowledge the hard work and wise contributions of all the members of your NVTA Executive. And to our Office Manager, Beth, your efforts ensuring the smooth operations of our NVTA organization should make all North Vancouver teachers very proud.

Above all, as always, thank you to all North Vancouver teachers for all that you do!

NVTA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2019

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 (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

REPORT FROM THE NVTA GENERAL MEETING

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The General Meeting approved the NVTA Negotiating team members (in alphabetical order): T. Daley, R. Deleurme, C. Fraenkel, C. Pena, K. Russell, M. Stuible and A. Bennett-Fox (alt).

Our thanks to guest speaker, BCTF President, Glen Hansman.

Brooksbank won the pizza lunch for having the highest percentage of staff at the meeting. The \$100 door prize was won by Cynthia Batista.

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