

NOTEBOOK

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North Vancouver Teachers' Association

**Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

First Call for Candidates!

The following NVT A Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chair positions are available for the 2019-2020 school year. All are one-year terms, unless otherwise indicated.

Executive Committee – President, Local Representatives (two or three LRs elected. The President may choose to be an LR automatically), Alternate Local Representative, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Members-at-Large (three two-year term positions available).

Committee Chairpersons – Professional Development and Social Justice.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM, however in order to have a candidate statement included in the AGM booklet, and to be included in the NVT A All Candidates' forum immediately following the Representative Assembly on April 17, 2019 a completed nomination form and candidate statement must be submitted to the NVT A office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

A LIGHT EXISTS IN SPRING

As the last gasps of winter make us wonder if we will ever feel warmth again, know that Spring is coming and the days are getting longer. You all should be proud of the work you have done during the first seven months of the year and now you deserve a break, to relax, to reenergize, to connect with friends and family, or to simply enjoy the longer days.

Spring is a hopeful time and I am reminded of a poem by Emily Dickinson that reads:

*A Light exists in Spring
Not present on the Year
At any other period –
When March is scarcely here*

And so, in the spirit of the season, I am forever hopeful that the last three months will bring positive change for us all. Listening to members over the year, there are a few items on my hopeful list. First on my list would be the proper allocation of the LST FTE that we have been struggling all year to ensure the District properly follows the Collective Agreement and the mediated settlement on this arbitration. Another hope would be the placement of proper supports to ensure that all staff members feel safe at school. There have been far too many incidents this year where teachers have experienced an occurrence at their work site that requires them to complete a violent incident report. Third on my list would be the creation of a reporting system that is far less onerous than MyEd has turned out to be. Another hope would be a slow down to the plethora of change teachers have had to endure over the last few years. Above all, we all hope for a successful round of bargaining that results in a new Collective Agreement as soon as possible. There is a light that exists in Spring that inevitably leads to sunnier and warmer days.

Martin Stuible

NVTA TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

One Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) scholarship is available for each of the following North Vancouver schools: Argyle, Carson Graham, Handsworth, Mountainside, Seycove, Sutherland and Windsor.

Each school's scholarship committee will choose their recipient of the NVTA Teacher Education Scholarship. Students are not required to complete a special NVTA application form.

In order to be eligible, the student must be graduating from the Grade 12 program of one of the listed secondary schools during the calendar year of the award. The student must also be planning to enter a teacher education program that would qualify the graduate to teach in the public schools of British Columbia.

The Teacher Education Scholarship is the only scholarship funded by the NVTA. Teacher Education Scholarship information will be sent to the scholarship committees and Principals of each of the listed high schools after Spring Break.

NVTA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2019

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

The NVTA office will close for
Spring Break March 16, 2019
and will re-open on
Monday, April 1, 2019
(no kidding)

*Have a restful and happy
Spring Break!*

JOB SHARE, PART-TIME WORK, INTRA-DISTRICT EXCHANGE Information Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

Where: NVTA Office, 240 – 233 West 1st Street

To RSVP, please email NVTA Office
Manager, Beth Triggs at beth@nvta.ca,
or phone 604.988.3224.

LEAVES DEADLINES 2019

- **March 15** – Long-Service Part-Time Leave (Article G.40) p.119
- **March 15** – Educational Improvement Leave (Article G.29) p. 113-115
- **March 31** – General/Personal Leave of Absence, Self-funded Leave (Article G.38) p.118
- **March 31** – Teachers on leave to June 30 must notify Board of their intentions for the following school year.
- **March 31** – Self-funded Leave Plan (Article G.39) p.118
- **May 1** – Intra-District exchange request (Article E.23.2.b) p.89
- **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** – Committee Transfer Requests (Article E.23.2.d) p. 90 For teacher resignation/retirement planned for 2018/2019, 30 days notice for resignations, and as much notice as possible for retirements in order to aid in staffing.