

NOTEBOOK

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VIRTUAL NOT DISTANT!

**North Vancouver Teachers' Association
Professional Development Conference 2021
Friday, February 26, 2021**

This conference will be our first virtual event and we are using a new registration system called EasyReg that will manage all aspects of this virtual conference for participants. Although we won't be able to see all our colleagues and friends in person at this conference, we hope that we will still be able to make meaningful connections and find new and exciting inspiration for our practice.

We are welcoming Myrna McCallum this year as our Keynote Speaker. She is an Indigenous lawyer and the host of "The Trauma-Informed Lawyer" Podcast. Myrna educates on trauma informed advocacy, vicarious trauma and Indigenous intergenerational trauma through keynotes, training sessions, and customized executive coaching sessions. When she is not FaceTiming her three grandchildren, educating or podcasting, Myrna is advising, advocating or conducting workplace investigations and reviews. In 2020, the Federal Department of Justice awarded Myrna their first ever Excellence in Legal Practice and Victim Support Award.

Myrna has requested that participants check out her podcast prior to attending her Keynote. You can listen to The Trauma Informed Lawyer on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts or by visiting: <https://thetraumainformedlawyer.simplecast.com/>.

You can access registration at <https://nvta.ourconference.ca/index.php>. You will need to use your school district email address to register as there will be a charge for anyone registering without an SD44 email address.

The best way to search for workshops is through the Schedule Tab at the top, which will allow you to review and register for workshops by time slot.

You will be able to access the Zoom links for all your workshops from the EasyReg dashboard.

As the conference is entirely virtual, you can participate from the comfort of your own home or onsite at your school, as you choose.

Looking forward to *seeing* you at the conference.

Tammy Daley, Professional Development Chair

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COMMITTEE CALLOUTS

Joint Committees

Mentorship Committee

This is a joint committee where NVTA members work with District representatives to provide a mentorship program to new teachers. Committee members will work collaboratively to identify the needs of new teachers and mentors and provide training and support for the work together.

NVTA Committees

COVID-19 COMMITTEE

The NVTA is looking to form two committees (a secondary and an elementary) that will meet multiple times over the next few months in order to discuss and plan for issues that have arisen due to COVID-19. The committees would also keep an eye to next year and how we would like start up to proceed if there continues to be COVID-19 restrictions. We are looking for up to eight NVTA members to be on each committee. To apply, please download an application form from the NVTA website (nvta.ca) on the Committees page.

Social Justice Committee

The NVTA Social Justice Committee will meet throughout the year to collaborate on and share ideas for teaching social justice. The work of this committee can include sharing their teaching practices, booking professional development workshops through the union, planning virtual events, and collecting and sharing social justice resources with members. This committee will also look at our union structures and engagement through a social justice lens.

To apply, please complete the Committee Application form that is available at nvta.ca and send it to beth@nvta.ca.

REPORT FROM THE NVTA GENERAL MEETING

Congratulations to the following members, who were elected as NVTA delegates to the BCTF AGM to be held in March (in alphabetical order): Alexa Bennett-Fox, Kristen Gill, Jennifer Kwong, Carolyn Pena, Eva Robinson and Amanda Turcato.

These delegates will join our three Local Representatives, Tammy Daley, Owen Howell and Katrina Russell, to comprise our 9-member delegation. They will meet throughout February to review the *Reports & Resolutions* booklet and will attend the March 10, 2021 Representative Assembly to present their report.

NVTA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2020-2021

FEBRUARY 2021

- 15 Family Day Stat Holiday
- 17 NVTA Representative Assembly
- 26 District-wide Professional Development Day
Virtual but not Distant NVTA Conference

MARCH 2021

- 10 NVTA Representative Assembly meeting
with BCTF AGM Delegates

Spring Break – March 13, 2021 – March 28, 2021

- 20-23 105th BCTF AGM
- 29 Schools reopen

APRIL 2021

- 2-5 Easter Long Weekend
- 21 NVTA Representative Assembly – followed by
NVTA Exec All Candidates Meeting

MAY 2021

- 10 District-wide Professional Development Day
- 12 **NVTA Annual General Meeting – elect NVTA
Executive & Chairs 2021-2022**
- 19 NVTA Representative Assembly
- 24 Victoria Day

JUNE 2021

- 14 Retirement Tea (TBC)
- 16 NVTA Representative Assembly
- 29 Last day of school
- 30 Administration Day