

NOTEBOOK

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CALENDAR ALERTS – MENTORING MONDAYS

May 1, 2023 – 3:45 – 5 pm

Join the Tech Helping Teachers, Camille Bélanger and Paul Santolin for an informative workshop designed to enhance your digital and technological practices. Topics that will be covered include: upscaling your approach to collaborating in the digital age using OneDrive and OneNote and an introduction to assistive technologies and universal design for learning. This professional growth workshop will be available via MS Teams and in person. Physical location will be announced this week. Sign up for this free event through Booking Central by searching for Mentoring Mondays or email teachermentorship@sd44.ca.

SPRING POSTING ROUNDS

Round One – April 21 – April 28
Round Two – May 19 – May 26
Round Three – June 2 – June 9
Round Four – June 16 – June 23

Third and Final Call for Candidates!

NVTA Annual General Meeting & Social

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 4 pm – 8 pm

Memorial Community Recreation Centre
125 23rd Street East, Capilano Room

Please join us at the Memorial Recreation Centre, Capilano Room, on Wednesday, May 10 at 4 pm to cast your vote for your incoming 2023-2024 NVTA Executive. We are very pleased that the NVTA Social, which has been cancelled due to COVID for the past three years, will once again follow the business meeting. Please join us for a Greek Feast, catered by Pacific Coast Catering, a glass of wine or a beer, and celebrate with colleagues as we approach the end of the school year. ***Please join us!***

Following are the declared candidates for the 2023-2024 NVTA Executive and the Standing Committee Chair position. Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

President:	Katrina Russell
First Vice President:	Dave Murton
Second Vice President:	Robin Deleurme
Local Representatives:	Tammy Daley
(elect two or three)	Robin Deleurme
	Owen Howell
Alternate Local Rep:	Mary Aiello
Secretary:	No Declared Candidate
Treasurer:	Andrew Shobridge
Member at Large:	Stephanie Anderson
(elect three)	Angelee Bulsara
	No Declared Candidate
Bargaining Chair:	Amy Wright
Professional Development:	No Declared Candidate
Social Justice Chair:	No Declared Candidate

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITION

Nominating & Balloting: No Declared Candidate

NVTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – May 10, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- 1. That the Auditor's Report for 2021-2022 be accepted.**
- 2. That the NVTA appoint an Auditor for the upcoming year 2022-2023.**

Options for Using Remedy Minutes

Check with your school-based administrator to see how many remedy minutes you have available

Your four options for using your remedy minutes are:

- 1) Additional prep time
- 2) Additional non-enrolling staff added to the school
- 3) Additional enrolling staff to co-teach with your class(es)
- 4) Local Option

For option 1 – Inform your school administrator that you intend to book a block of time (partial day, full day, a week etc.) of non-instructional time (NIT) and will need a TTOC. Your administrator will take care of booking the TTOC for you. If you have a significant amount of remedy minutes you can receive extra NIT for the entire school year. For example, a secondary teacher could receive an extra NIT block for the year. An elementary teacher could receive a full or partial day of NIT for the entire school year. This is definitely an option worth looking into although it requires a significant amount of remedy.

For option 2 – Inquire with your staff committee, colleagues or teaching department and tell your school administrator you would like to pool your remedy minutes with your colleagues. A remedy teacher can then be scheduled into various classes as needed. For example, all of the Math Teachers at a high school could pool their remedy minutes and get a remedy teacher to co-teach with different teachers at various times or to pull out students in need of assistance. Staff committees could also suggest using pooled remedy minutes to hire more LSTs for their staff.

For option 3 – Inform your principal that you would like to use your remedy minutes to hire a co-teacher for yourself. This teacher could assist you in instruction, assessment and assisting students one on one. The time the co-teacher is assigned to you is of course dependent on how many remedy minutes you have.

For option 4 – You apply to have your remedy minutes converted to funds for Pro D activities. ***Note that this option is re-negotiated annually and the current agreement ends on June 30, 2023.*** Funds are available according to the NVTA Pro D Policy. NVTA Pro D Policy covers:

- Registration for your activity
- TTOC cost
- Accommodation, **up to a maximum of \$125 per night**
- Meals, only when overnight accommodation is required, **receipt required and paid at maximum as per BCTF per diem**
- Mileage, in excess of 30km/return as per BCTF rate
- Parking, with receipt
- Travel expenses with receipt such as transit or ferry

To apply for Remedy Option 4

1. Register and pay for your Pro-D Activity
2. Fill out the joint NVSD/NVTA Remedy Option #4 Application Form. The form can be found in the portal. A link to the form can be found here; you must be logged into the portal to access it – <https://my44.sd44.ca/Forms/Documents/Remedy%20Option%204%20Application.pdf#search=remedy%20option%204%20application>
3. Complete a District Expense Reimbursement Form and keep your original receipts. The form can be found in the portal.; you must be logged into the portal to access it – <https://my44.sd44.ca/Forms/Documents/Expense%20reimbursement.pdf#search=expense%20reimbursement%20form>
4. Send a copy of the Remedy Option # 4 Application Form, the Pro D registration and the District Expense Reimbursement Form (including original receipts) to pdforms@nvta.ca. The NVTA will then check your documents and send them to the district for their approval.
5. If TTOC coverage is required, be sure to submit your application four weeks prior to the date required for release.