

NOTEBOOK

Issue #15 May 2, 2025



Join Us!

NVTA AGM & Social **Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

Special guest BCTF President Clint Johnston

WHERE: St. Catherine's Church (1058 Ridgewood Dr.)

WHEN: 4pm Business Meeting & Elections

6pm - Social, catered by Pacific Coast Catering

DECLARED CANDIDATES 2025-26 EXECUTIVE and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President:	Vickie Vinaric
Local Representatives: (elect 2 or 3)	Tammy Daley Robin Deleurme Owen Howell
Alt. Local Representative:	Jennifer Kwong-Emery
First Vice President:	Tammy Daley
Second Vice President:	Robin Deleurme
Secretary:	Trish Summers
Treasurer:	Andrew Shobridge
Members-at-Large:**	Stephanie Anderson Genevieve Bailey Colin Young
Bargaining Chair:	No Declared Candidate
Pro D Chair:	Angelee Bulsara
Social Justice Chair:	Jennifer Kwong-Emery
Nominating & Balloting Officer:	No Declared Candidate

**** 3 two-year positions are available**

* Members-at-Large continuing in their second year of a two-year term: Johanne Nielsen (Indigenous); Edie Chang (Racialized); Kyle Brown (2SLGBTQIA+); Chris Zytaruk (First Five Years); and Amanda Zayonc.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM.

SPRING POSTINGS

Round 2: Friday May 16 – Friday May 23

Round 3: Friday May 30 – Friday June 6

Round 4: Friday June 13 – Friday June 20

NVTA RETIREMENT TEA 2024-2025

The NVTA is thrilled to once again host the Retirement Tea to celebrate the retirement of our members!

Monday, June 9, 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Seymour Golf and Country Club

NVTA 2025 Retirees:

Deborah Anderson (Carisbrooke)
Paul Best (Lynn timer)
Desiree Blume (Learning Services)
Michelle Davis (Queensbury)
Felicity Eadon (Boundary)
Tanja Frausenstein (Handsworth)
Allyson Greenberg (Ridgeway)
Belinda Harnden (Capilano)
Sean Henry (Carson Graham)
Janet Hill (Montroyal)
Rosalind Hollett (Ridgeway)
Sean Kelly (Mountainside)
Barbara Kirchner (Braemar)
Karin Layton (Windsor)
Frank Leung (Handsworth)
Laurie Louwe (Carson Graham)
Marianne Macario (Handsworth)
Michelle McDuff (Educational Admin)
Shelley Murnaghan (Carson Graham)
Louise Owen (Handsworth)
Jane Pike (Learning Services)
Kerry Sedola (Blueridge)
Rhena Tevendale (Learning Services)
Hazel Turner (Sutherland)

Congratulations!

TAKING ACTION ON VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

In April, BCTF members and colleagues from CUPE BC met with MLAs and the Premier to discuss the level of violence occurring in BC schools and the need for strong action from the government on this important issue. Over the course of two days, members from four different locals, along with four education assistants (EAs), told their stories to 31 MLAs from two political parties (the NDP and the Green Party—a meeting with the Conservative Education Critic is scheduled for later this month). It was the first time CUPE BC and the BCTF have engaged in this type of lobbying together. It was a very meaningful experience for all involved.

Teachers spoke eloquently about their students who, despite their complexities, have a right to an education and a right to learn. They spoke of being kicked, hit, punched, and bitten. They talked about stopping dysregulated children from running into oncoming traffic. They told stories of Kindergarten students biting through the winter coats of staff members until they drew blood, pulling out the hair of their classmates, and threatening horrific violence. They spoke about the lack of dignity for these students in being unable to articulate their own needs, to be seen and served by the educators around them, and the deep frustration of teachers and EAs who are unable to properly support them. In one instance, a member stated, “I know you wouldn’t put up with this level of violence in your workplace. Why are we forced to swallow it at ours?” Another member stated, “Students have the right to an education—that said, we, as educators, also deserve safety in our workplace.”

In many sessions with MLAs over the course of two days, CUPE BC and BCTF members shared stories that illustrated the heightened and real tensions felt by educators across the province.

Their passion for ensuring that students get their needs met in the classroom was very inspiring. Our collective demands were:

- Immediate implementation of the government’s commitment to ensuring that every primary classroom has at least one EA.
- Immediate implementation of the government’s commitment that every school has a counsellor.
- Hours and wages to address recruitment and retention so that a career of any kind in K–12 is livable and sustainable.
- Ending the backlog of assessments for BC students.
- Redistributing the millions of dollars that the government dumps into elite private schools into the public education system (the good news is that it’s money that’s already accounted for in the budget; they can just redirect it).

BCTF President Clint Johnston and CUPE BC President Karen Ranalletta also spoke of the need for immediate and impactful investment in the system, no matter the complexities of the current economic and political turmoil.

NVTA 2025 INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

The NVTA will present one (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship annually to an Indigenous graduate in the North Vancouver School District.

Students must apply for this scholarship directly to the NVTA.

New Deadline: Monday, May 12, 2025

For criteria and form go to www.nvta.ca.

Joint Committee Call-Out TTOC Call-Out Processes

If interested, please fill out the NVTA Committee Application form (click **HERE**) and email to office@nvta.ca.
DEADLINE May 13, 2025

Contact the office for more information.



Teaching Certification Fee Deadline: May 31

Teachers on unpaid leaves such as parental leaves, unpaid medical leaves, childcare leaves, or personal leaves of absence must pay their teaching certification fee by May 31 or incur a late fee. If the fees go unpaid past November 1st, teachers risk losing their teaching certification and will have to reapply to the teacher qualification service. Information about paying the fee can be found **HERE**.