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Check out the URL at the top of the page to get started and be ready to join one of our meetings.

Job Share

The deadline for job share forms is April 30th if you have previously requested a part-time assignment for the 2020-2021 school year. The forms are online in Staff Net under the Human Resources drop down menu.

The LTA maintains a job share list for teachers looking for a job share partner either that have a job to share or looking for work. Contact the LTA to put your name on the list or to request a copy of the most current list.

reception@langleyteachers.com

Don't forget to vote. Your ballot was emailed to you on Monday.

The Collective Agreement ratification vote will be held from April 28-30, 2020. This will be done through Simply Voting, a secure online platform that our teacher union counterparts in Ontario have used.

Call for Nominations for the LTA 2020-2021 Executive

The May AGM meeting will elect the 2020-2021 Executive and standing committees. To nominate yourself or someone else, contact the LTA email: mail@langleyteachers.com.

Details on the AGM and elections are being worked on and will be shared once we finalize them.

Names we have to date include:

- President - **Tanya Kerr**
- Vice President - (100% release) **Graham Esplen**
- Vice President - (60% release) **Darren Storsley**
- Vice President - (40% release)
- Treasurer - **Jessica Sutlow**
- Secretary
- Local Reps -(1)
- Members at Large (4) - **Ashley Kunze; Kylie Mantei**

Standing Committee Chairs:

- Aboriginal Issues - **Jean Moir**
- Adult Ed/Continuing Ed - **Richard Obayashi**
- Communications
- Early Career Teachers/Teachers Teaching On Call
- Education Change & Assessment
- French Educators
- Health & Safety - **Diane Courtney**
- Professional Development - **Pam Haugland**
- Social Justice
- Working & Learning Conditions - **Shannon Spence**

Standing Committees Members for each of the above committees.



The LTA office staff are working for you remotely. If you have a question or concern, you can reach us by email or by leaving a message on our answering machine. The fax machine will be checked periodically.

Communication during the pandemic

- Daily calls between Tanya Kerr, LTA President and Michelle Guillou, Director of HR
- Weekly TEAMS conference with LTA officers (Tanya Kerr, Graham Esplen, Darren Storsley and Ellen Bornowsky) and HR (Barry Bunyan, Michelle Guillou, Gordon Yu)
- Weekly TEAMS conference with LTA officers and DLT (Gord Stewart and Barry Bunyan)
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday BCTF Conference calls local Presidents, BCTF Executive and President Teri Mooring

TTOCs

The provincial government has committed to ensure that employment and income continuity are maintained for employees whose work would not have otherwise been interrupted save for the pandemic response. If you had assignments booked for March and April and they were cancelled or you were not given an option to work, please contact the LTA. It is the district's responsibility to find you work for those days or if you are at risk, accept those reasons and still pay you for those times.

Worth Repeating:

LTA Scholarships

The new LTA Scholarship Application deadline has been extended to May 22, 2020. Forms are available on the LTA website. Applications should be emailed to mail@langleyteachers.com.

LTA Facebook

When referring LTA members to join our facebook page, remind them that they **MUST** provide SD#35 email address AND **MUST** agree to the group rules or they will be declined. We are getting many new requests who are not complying and have been declined.

Surplus & 2020-2021 Postings

The timeline has been extended from April 30th to May 14th for schools to identify surplus staff and vacancies. The first round of postings for the 2020-21 school year will begin on May 19th. Surplus teacher meeting tentatively scheduled for May 15.

Remedy Funds 2017-18 and 2018-19

When making a claim for the 2017-18 and/or 2018-2019 Remedy funds, please use the newest claim form found on the LTA website. Once you have completed the claim form, be sure to save it to your desktop before emailing to mail@langleyteachers.com. Claims are usually paid within 1 to 2 weeks of receiving them. If you are unsure whether or not the expense will be approved, please email us for pre-approval.

2019-2020 Remedy funds are not accessible through the LTA - you must speak with your Administrator for information.

TRB Membership Fees

The Teacher Regulation Branch of the Ministry of Education requires all School Districts in BC to deduct and remit the Annual Membership Fee on behalf of all current members of the Branch.

The current annual fee is \$80.00 and will be deducted from your pay in April. If you are a TTOC, the deduction will be on the first pay date that you are paid in the month of April. Contract teachers will notice a reduction from their midmonth pay and the deduction will be shown on the end of month pay statement. THIS DEDUCTION IS MANDATORY for all active employees who hold a BC Teaching Certificate; therefore, it will occur automatically.

If you are working in April, SD#35 will remit your fees directly to the BC TRB on your behalf.

If you did not work in April, NO DUES WILL BE DEDUCTED and YOU WILL NEED TO SUBMIT PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO THE BRANCH.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EARNINGS STATEMENTS to be certain that your dues have been deducted.

- A penalty is assessed to teachers whose dues have not been received by the Branch by May 31, 2020.
- **The onus remains on the certificate holder to ensure that their fee is paid.**

Langley's Learning Hubs – Supporting the children of our Essential Service Workers

On Monday, April 27th I met Michelle Guillou, director of HR outside of Fort Langley Elementary where we began our joint tour of the learning hubs in Langley. At each of the five sites, Fort Langley, James Kennedy, Gordon Greenwood, Uplands and James Hill Elementary, there are staff stationed at the front entrance to welcome visitors and ask questions to determine if the visitor is safe to enter the building. Safety is paramount and protocols are place at each site to maintain physical distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, and disinfecting work areas. The administrators, CUPE and LTA staff we spoke with all said that they felt safe and that improvements have continually been made since the beginning. There was a concern raised at one site about the difficulty of maintaining physical distancing when teaching younger children and some suggestions were made that are working well in other sites. For example, both the student and adult have their own copies of a worksheet, so they don't have to share. The learning hubs have their own TEAM where members can share their ideas, post their challenges and work on solutions together. A huge thank you to all staff working in our learning hubs, you are doing amazing work.

Contact Us - leave messages

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LTA Offices are not open due to COVID-19. We are working remotely, thank you for your continued patience.