



# TTOC Talk

## Early Career & Teachers' Teaching on Call

### Langley Teachers' Association

October 2021

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



Hi and welcome to the first TTOC Talk for this school year!

We have some great plans for the year, starting with the Meet and Mingle on October 22nd.

I am thankful to Wendy for agreeing to co-chair this committee as this is my first time on any executive committee for the LTA. I am happy to help with the needs of TTOC's and Early Career Teachers in the district. Looking forward to meeting some new faces on October 20th!

I have been a teacher in the district for 20 years and am currently working full-time in a Kindergarten class. When I began my teaching career, it was really challenging to get full-time work. As a result, I TTOC'd and job shared for several years before getting a classroom of my own. I hope that experience will help me serve on this committee!

Welcome to our Team

Welcome to the 21/22 school year. There is always an adventure when we embark on another year of teaching and this year my journey is working with Jen as co ECT/TTOC chairs for the LTA executive. I am Wendy Cook and this year I have taken on this shared position and Member at Large as well. I am a TTOC for the District, BCTF workshop facilitator and UFV Faculty Mentor.

I have been part of the LTA Executive Team for about 20 years, but who counts when there are so many interesting people to work with. My inspiration in taking part is to give back and support others in their teaching journey, but also to educate regarding the importance of a Union.

Jen and I have lofty goals for this year, we want to connect and support, offer workshops or just sharing sessions. If we ever get back to face to face a TTOC/ECT event where we can actually mingle. For now we will meet via ZOOM and hope you will join us for Prizes, Goodies, pay statement questions, discussions and did I say prizes.

Looking forward to seeing you all on October 20th at 4:00 pm via ZOOM



## Upcoming Events

### October

20 - TTOC/ECT Committee Meeting, 3:30pm

20- Meet & Mingle (for all TTOC & ECTs) 4pm

26- Pro-D training

28 - Pro-D training

### November

1 - Staff Rep Meeting, 4pm

4 - Health & Safety Rep training

### December

6 - General Meeting, 4pm

8 - TTOC/ECT Committee Meeting, 4pm

Join the conversation on the LTA Facebook page.

What you need to join:

1. School district email address
2. Must read and agree to the Group Rules.



### CONTACT US:

Jen Espin & Wendy Cook,  
TTOC Chairpersons

Committee Members:  
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*Please send us your ideas on how we can further connect with you and support you in this transitional time. Include your personal email to receive updates and information.*

Want to be on our mailing list?  
Submit your personal email to  
[reception@langleyteachers.com](mailto:reception@langleyteachers.com)

# Dear Teacher Tippy:



**DEAR TEACHER TIPPY:** I am starting my first year of teaching and I work at a really small school. I have some great colleagues that have welcomed me but I am looking for something like a professional learning community that I can talk about strategies that I am trying in the classroom or go to for advice from an objective source. Do you have any ideas?

Signed,

Merry Mind

**DEAR MERRY:** Sounds like you are off to a great start but it is always nice to have those supportive connections that are beneficial to teaching. Since you are working in Langley, you can access the Mentorship Program as a mentee. You would be provided with a supportive colleague and together you can collaborate on achieving goals that you have for yourselves.

You could also join a Provincial Specialist Association to focus on your area of expertise or passion. Check out the BCTF website for a list of the different associations.

Signed,

Tippy

Do you have a question for Teacher Tippy? Send in your questions to [reception@langleyteachers.com](mailto:reception@langleyteachers.com) and it might be answered in the next newsletter.

## Know your Collective Agreement

### SECTION G LEAVES OF ABSENCE

#### ARTICLE G.35 PERSONAL

1. One (1) day leave with pay shall be granted to meet a personal need or requirement which cannot be met without absence from school.

#### ARTICLE G.36 MARRIAGE LEAVE

1. One (1) day leave of absence with pay shall be granted upon request to enable a teacher to attend the teacher's own marriage ceremony.

#### ARTICLE G.38 LEAVE FOR EXAMINATIONS

1. One (1) day leave of absence with pay per year shall be granted upon request to a teacher for the purpose of writing a university examination related to professional improvement.

#### ARTICLE G.39 GRADUATION LEAVE

1. One (1) day leave of absence with pay per year shall be granted upon request to a teacher for the purpose of attending the teacher's own graduation ceremonies at a recognized post-secondary institution.

## Call for committee members



We would love to have you join us on this valuable committee. This would be your chance to create change in the life of TTOC's and Early Career Teachers.

Time commitment would be four meetings in the school year: December 8th, February 16th, April 13th, June 8th (subject to change)

email [reception@langleyteachers.com](mailto:reception@langleyteachers.com) to join

## Do you know?

Who are your two TTOC/ECT Chairs?

When is the first Meet and Mingle?

How many Personal Days does each (.4 FTE and more teacher) get each year?

**Send your correct answers to [reception@langleyteachers.com](mailto:reception@langleyteachers.com) for a chance to win one of three prizes!**

TTOCs & EARLY CAREER TEACHERS  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# Meet & Mingle

Wednesday October 20th @ 4pm

ZOOM  
Meeting ID: 831 3049 9244  
Passcode: 787809



on ZOOM

- \*Understanding your Pay statement
- \*What can we do for you?
- \*Participant Goodie Bags and Prize Draws!

