



2021 - 2022 Langley Teachers' Association Executive Committee



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LTA News . . .



We hope that everyone had a restful break. Seeing more sunshine is something we can all appreciate! Over the break we had 18 Langley teachers give up four days of their break to attend the 2022 BCTF Annual General Meeting. While virtual meetings continue to be a challenge, our members and leadership continue to adapt and accomplish important business to move us forward.

At this meeting we welcomed our new President Elect, Clint Johnston. Clint is a former Chilliwack teacher and local president who has served the past three years as First Vice President and is currently bargaining chair for the provincial negotiations happening now. At the same time, our outgoing President, Teri Mooring was welcomed to the Past Presidents by previous BCTF President Glen Hansman. We are all grateful to Teri for her visible and steady leadership over these last three challenging years. (Full election results can be accessed at BCTF.ca)

Other important business discussed included discussions around Aboriginal Education, Health and Safety, Member fees, and Pension investments. (Full summaries are available at BCTF.ca) Of particular interest to Langley teachers was the successful passage of a motion put forward by our local reading as follows: **117. LANGLEY**

That, to ensure members are partners in the integration of compassionate systems leadership (one of the three pillars of our provincial Mental Health in Schools Strategy) into BC public schools, the BCTF take steps including (but not limited to):
1. requesting that the Ministry of Education provide time and opportunity for BCTF members and staff to take part in the same four-day introductory training that was provided to other education partners (e.g., BCSSTA and BCPVPA members) in 2020-21.
2. investigating opportunities for the work of the BCTF, including meetings and training at the local and provincial levels, to incorporate a compassionate systems leadership lens.

President Tanya Kerr spoke effectively to the motion and it received strong support from members across the province. This is something that our district has provided to administrators thus far and includes structures and practices all staff can benefit from. We are hopeful that the passage of this motion will increase accessibility to all.

The meeting closed with the optimism of hopefully meeting together in person soon and with the hopes of successful bargaining for an equitable deal that we so deserve. Thank-you again to all the LTA members who attended on our behalf.

Graham Esplen
Local Rep

New Teachers' ZOOM Gathering

Come share ideas and resources while making connections with new teacher colleagues and bilingual SOGI-focused practitioners from across the province at our upcoming New Teachers' Zoom Gathering. Register Now! (choice of English or French breakout rooms)

Join an open discussion on building awareness and growing enhanced practices through SOGI-inclusive language for English and French language programs. Explore how your Collective Agreements have the potential for mindful interactions with students and teachers that are intended support respect and dignity for everyone.

Theme: Enhancing SOGI-Inclusive Language and Practices

Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 13th

To register go to:
<https://www.bctf.ca/whats-happening/event-calendar/event-details/2022/04/13/default-calendar/new-teachers'-zoom-gathering>

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If you are paid by the District in the month of April, the deduction is mandatory for all active certified Teachers. THE DUES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR PAY, AND NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED FROM YOU.

Please do NOT remit the fees directly to the BCTRB. The BCTRB sends every member a reminder letter, however, please note that since we are mandated to deduct your annual fees, no follow up to that letter is necessary.

The deduction amount of \$80.00 will reflect on your April 29th earnings statement.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TEACHERS ON A LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND/OR NOT IN RECEIPT OF SALARY FROM THE DISTRICT IN THE MONTH OF APRIL will need to submit payment directly to the Branch.

Please visit their website

<https://teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca/>

for information on direct payments.

A penalty is assessed to teachers whose dues have not been received by the Branch by May 31, 2022.

Please ensure Langley School District and the Teacher Regulation Branch have your current address and contact information.

Workshops running from
April 4- May 16, 2022 4pm -6pm
Register at

<https://www.bctf.ca/services-guidance/wellness/well-teacher-group-registration>



THE WELL TEACHER

The Well Teacher Group is a free program that focuses on developing tools and skills related to improving teachers' vitality and resiliency. This holistic approach to wellness will equip teachers to make lifestyle changes that will positively affect their physical, mental, and emotional well-being. All groups are virtual, confidential, and facilitated by trained health consultants who are located in communities across the province.

"What a wonderful opportunity for teachers to find the time and space to support their mental health."

"I like the honest and safe environment. It was very comforting to know that many of the teaching issues were the same in other districts and schools. You learned some tips from other participants."

"[Our facilitator] was excellent, she made a point to always respond to each person's comments in a positive, responsive way. She really listened to participants and commented on what was being discussed."



Register and learn more about The Well Teacher Group at bctf.ca/wellteachergroups

LTA Calendar

Meetings will be held virtually, unless otherwise specified until further notice.

- April 2 AHL Hockey - Teacher Appreciation Night
Canucks vs Laval Rockets, 7PM
- April 4 Staff Rep Meeting, 4PM
- April 5&7 Staff Rep Training
- April 11 Engaging, Inclusive & Productive Meetings training, 4PM
- April 12 Executive Meeting, 4PM
- April 14 Joint Pro-D Committee meeting



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