



WEST VANCOUVER Teachers' Association

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Notes from your President – *Spencer Capier*

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all had a good winter break. Tempted as I was to use the new Chat GPT software to write this newsletter, rest assured these sentences are bespoke custom hand-crafted prose.

➤ **WVTA General Meeting:**

I encourage you to attend our **General Meeting on January 26th at 3:45 at the Kay Meek Theatre**. There are always many issues to discuss or to be informed about. In particular we will elect our 6 delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting, this year to be held March 18th – 21st at the Vancouver Hyatt. They will attend the AGM along with me and our 2 Local Reps, the three of us automatically AGM delegates by virtue of our positions. There will be a wine and cheese reception after our GM, and some great door prizes!

➤ **School Board Liaison Meeting**

The WVTA will Liaise with the West Vancouver School Board Trustees at the end of February to discuss issues important to teachers. Your executive has begun crafting an agenda for this meeting, and some of the agenda items will be discussed at our General Meeting on the 26th.

➤ **BCTF AGM**

The BCTF AGM is smack dab in the middle of Spring Break. That said, the AGM is a great opportunity to participate in your provincial union's governance and activism. Keynote speakers from national or international labour movements, vibrant debate during sessions, and outstanding opportunities to socialize and network are highlights for me every year. There is never a dull moment! The WVTA

contingent always has a great time. There is no cost for accommodation and a decent food allowance is provided. Childcare is excellent as well. So, if you are interested put your name forward, and if you have any questions, contact me at the office!

Yours in solidarity, *Spencer*

WVTA General Meeting
Thursday, January 26th, 2023
3:45 – 5:00 pm, Kay Meek Theatre

Agenda Items Include:

- **State of the Union**
- **Portfolio reports**
- **Election of WVTA Delegates to the BCTF AGM (March 18-21, 2023)**

Door prizes; Wine & Cheese Social following

You can be a delegate!

BCTF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
March 18-21, 2023, Hyatt Regency, Vancouver

Attend the AGM and learn about your BCTF, debate issues that matter to you and your colleagues, elect Executive Committee members, and meet and hear from teachers around the province. We will elect our WVTA Delegates at our WVTA General Meeting, **Thursday January 26th**. All BCTF members, regardless of union experience, can let their name stand as a delegate.

Interested? Email president@wvta.ca.

ProD Opportunities

New Teachers' Conference 2023 Nurturing with Nature – Supporting wellness through place-based learning.

Saturday February 25th, Coast Coal Harbour
Vancouver Hotel, 1180 W. Hastings Street
(Optional Wine & Cheese Reception, 5 to 7 pm, Friday
February 24th, hotel restaurant)

The NTC 2023 is a place to connect with teachers across British Columbia and further your own teaching practice. This conference is designed for those in their first five years of teaching, student teachers, TTOCs, and those who are coming back to teaching after moving or being away from the classroom. Find full conference description, and register using the appropriate rate [here](#).

Help Build up our Profession. Become a School Associate.

SFU's Faculty of Education, Professional Programs has multiple opportunities for elementary and secondary teachers to mentor student teachers in their teacher education programs – PDP, PLP, PQP and HEART.

If you are an experienced educator who is willing to collaborate and share your classroom with one of BC's brightest future educators, please speak to your school administrator or contact their team for information, support, and services:

Joan Greenlay – sfuedpc@sfu.ca or Janet McCarron – sfuedpm@sfu.ca. **More Information Here.**



myPITA Spring Conference 2023

Friday, May 5, 2023, Hilton Whistler Resort

Workshops will be relevant, immediately applicable, and many will include hands-on participation plus interaction with other attendees.

Conference details:

- 6 great sessions to choose from
- Lunch time socials, discussion topics, and work alike

Early bird fees until April 15th. This event has a limited number of seats, and it will quickly sell out. Conference information and registration [here](#).