



BURNABY TEACHERS'
ASSOCIATION

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Report from Henning Drive

NEW TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Teachers should be advised that the travel restrictions are changing quickly and may wish to adjust their travel plans accordingly. As of today, any traveller arriving in Canada by air will be subjected to a Covid test on arrival and those vaccinated must quarantine while awaiting a negative test result. Those unvaccinated must quarantine for the full 14 days and undergo a test on Day one and Day eight. Travellers may quarantine in a designated facility or in another suitable location.

Additional measures have been put into place in regards to the Omicron variant. More information found [here](#).

CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS INVITATION

The Windsor Labour Council and the Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre of Windsor are hosting an event entitled ***“Truth is Hard, Reconciliation is Harder,”*** with keynote speaker, the Honourable Murray Sinclair, chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

The event will be taking place on **December 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. EST.**

To register, please click on the link below: <http://murraysinclair.ticketfi.com>

[Here](#) is the event flyer, and [here](#) is a link to a brief YouTube video about the event.

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE BCTF AGM THIS YEAR?

The time is approaching for us to elect our 24 delegates to attend the 2022 BCTF Annual General Meeting. The AGM will take place virtually from March 19—March 22, 2022. Each year over 750 delegates from around the province attend the BCTF AGM. It is a great opportunity to see how the BCTF operates, to hear new perspectives on important issues, connect with colleagues from other parts of the province, and to have a voice in the decisions made by the union. Delegates will be elected at the General Meeting on Zoom. If you are interested in being a delegate please submit your name with a brief statement and attend the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 4 pm. For more details see the poster on page 3.

ART NIGHT

The BTA is hosting the Burnaby Art Gallery in an online art night for Burnaby teachers. More information on the Art Night is on page 4.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Last Day before
Winter Break**
December 17

GM/RA
January 11
4pm
Zoom

BTA Office
Hours: 8 am—4:30 pm
604-294-8141
btag@bctf.ca
www.burnabyteachers.com

2022 NEW TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) will be hosting two New Teachers' Conference this year. One in-person event and one virtual event. The conferences are designed specifically for teachers and teachers teaching on call



Saturday – May 7, 2022

Sheraton Hotel
7551 Westminster Hwy
Richmond, BC V6X 1A3
[Workshop Proposal Submission Form](#)

Saturday – May 14, 2022

Virtual Event
[Workshop Proposal Submission Form](#)

in their first five (5) years of teaching, as well as teacher candidates.
Responsibilities of the facilitators

- **Proof of vaccination is required for the in-person event.**
- Prepare and present a **60-minutes or a 90-minutes workshop**:
- Have experience as a workshop facilitator, have expertise in the content area, and is comfortable with the use of Zoom (if applying for the virtual event).

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. **Facilitators will not receive an honorarium.**
2. **Facilitators will not receive any Zoom training prior to the conference (if applying for the virtual event).**
3. **The selection of workshops will be made during the week of December 13, and you will be contacted by email to confirm your workshop.**
4. Preference will be given to facilitators who are BCTF members.
5. Due to the high attendance, some rooms will be set up in a classroom style.
6. Expenses will be reimbursed for **ONLY one (1) facilitator** (Leave of Absence Request (LOA), travel, per diem and accommodation if applicable).
7. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided during the in-person event.

Workshop content areas—topics that are of high interest to new teachers

- Aboriginal education
- Boundary issues in teacher-student relationships
- Classroom management
- Controversial issues
- Communication with parents
- Curriculum related topics
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- French (core, immersion, francophone)
- Mentoring Literacy (in all areas) and media literacy
- Reporting and assessment
- Health and safety issues
- Social justice
- Special needs students
- Work/life balance
- Technology
- Arts
- New curriculum
- LGBTQ2S+

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.

TOC CORNER

What are X and Y blocks?

The secondary schools have created extra blocks to try to accommodate more options for students. The X block begins the school day at 7:30 am. The Y block extends the school day until 4:00 pm. If you are called in to TTOC at the secondary level and are asked to take an X or Y block, look carefully at your schedule. You should be teaching no more than 2.5 to 3 hours for a half day or 5 hours for a full day. If your schedule asks you to teach beyond that amount of time, you are eligible to be paid extra for the assignment. You will have to call HR to be sure this happens, however. If you have questions or are not sure if your assignment qualifies, feel free to call us at the office.



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PLEASE POST



CALL FOR DELEGATES

to the
BC Teachers' Federation

106th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 19 to MARCH 22, 2022

DELEGATES are NEEDED to represent the Burnaby Teachers' Association at the BCTF Annual General Meeting which will be held virtually from March 19 to March 22, 2022.

ALL BTA members are welcome to apply. DELEGATES will be ELECTED at the BTA General Meeting, Tuesday, JANUARY 11, 2022. (on Zoom @ 4:00 pm)

According to BTA Policy, written statements from candidates for AGM delegates will be distributed in advance of the General Meeting where delegates are elected.

Please email your name with a brief statement to the BTA office at bta3@bctf.ca or fax to (604) 294-9846 by noon on **Friday JANUARY 7** for distribution at the General Meeting. Statements should BRIEFLY outline (in 200 words or less) your reasons for wanting to be a BTA delegate.

**Thank you for your consideration
and hope to see you there!**

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THE BURNABY TEACHERS
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Winter Art Night



The Burnaby Art Gallery is back with a new online Professional Development workshop for the Burnaby Teachers Association!

Inspired by the current exhibition at the Burnaby Art Gallery, New Acquisitions, this workshop will focus on drawing and drawing techniques using pencil, pencil crayon and crayons. Our expert teacher will guide you through these techniques, while focusing on works from our collection that feature Indigenous artists and artists of colour.



Join us online Wednesday, January
12th from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Email bta3@bctf.ca or call 604-
294-8141 to register.

[kb/usw/leu2009/BTA Joint Cmtes/Misc/Art Night](#)