



DTA Monthly Update

Issue #4 – January 31, 2025

Hello Jane

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Alison Kerr

I really wish I could tell you about the very significant, but highly confidential events that we have had to support members with this month. As this is the first year with a different organization of the team in the office, we are noticing that Kathy and Sandra are getting to your emails a lot sooner than I am, if at all, quite honestly. Therefore, I am reminding everyone to make sure that you send emails to all three of us at the office. If you have sent something solely to me and haven't received a response, please resend adding their names as well. If you only want to talk to the president, I recommend calling.

A lot of my time is being spent in negotiations and discussions with various groups of Employers on systemic issues in the District, but I also continue to file certain grievances and attend investigations of members. If I'm in the office, I'm answering the phone. If there is a significant event with a teacher or the employer that requires our attention, we work as a team to decide who and how many of us will handle it. Some things we can tell you about:

District Budget Calendar

Rumour has it that the tight election and struggling economy is going to result in a dim budget for school districts. Nevertheless, there are important dates for board meetings

that we encourage all teachers to attend to ask questions about the priorities of the district.

- **February 18th** is the “consultation with education partners meeting ”where the DTA makes a speech about the overarching general needs of teachers.
- **March 14th** the ministry announces funding.
- **April 17th** is the public release of Budget Recommendations by the District.
- **April 22nd** is where the board “receives delegates regarding budget recommendations.” The DTA will be there with our specific asks, but this is also an opportunity for groups of teachers to give feedback to the district as well (you have to sign up ahead of time). In the past we have heard from Librarians in both elementary and secondary, teaching chefs from culinary programs, and individual teachers concerned about a lack of supports for students in their class. Participation matters. We will even preview your speech for you if you’re feeling unsure about what you can say and what you can’t.

We are grateful that the Unions have their own meetings with the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendents around funding allocations and readily answer our questions.

Local Bargaining Ratification Vote!

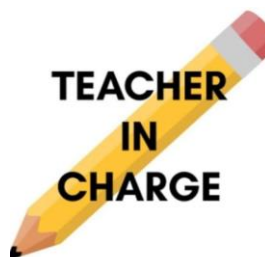
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Teacher in Charge: New System

[Find out more information here!](#)

**TEACHER
IN
CHARGE**



Are you Required to Inform Parents in Order to Bring a Student to School Base (SB) Team? NO

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CANUCKS TICKETS WINNER

Thank you again to everyone who purchased tickets to see the Abbotsford Canucks on January 11th. You were all entered into a draw for a pair of Vancouver Canucks tickets to the March 16th game against the Columbus Blue Jackets. You can view the video clip of the draw to see it all happen! Don't forget to put on the sound!

CONGRATULATIONS!

A big Congratulations to Bryce Murray from Sands Secondary for being the lucky winner! We hope you enjoy the game!



New Regular PD Form

In order to simplify the application process and the process for receiving funds, the PD Committee is introducing a new, streamlined form and process. This new form will take effect on February 1, 2025. If you have applied for funding using the previous form, the previous processes continue to apply. The goal is for this new form to make the PD funding process easier for office staff and members. If you have any questions about the new form, please contact the DTA office. Get the form [HERE](#)

Congratulations to our

General Meeting Draw Winners

Josie Zahn, Beach Grove
Jen Hastings, Gray
Karen Bates, DCC
Michele Caplan, Richardson
Julie Kelly, DCC
Geoff McSherry, DCC
Nicola Gordon, McCloskey

2025 BCTF AGM DELEGATES

We would like to thank the following members for volunteering their time for the BCTF AGM in March.

Mike Bylsma, Burnsvew
Sandra Cadez, Cougar Canyon
Michele Caplan, Richardson
Tanja Cvekic, English Bluff
Julie Kelly, DCC
Trish McCullough, Annieville
Shawna McLean, Richardson

Anthony Minichilli, North Delta
Patricia Mischke, Pinewood
Louise O'Brien, Neilson Grove
Niki Parassidis, Pinewood
Lauren Sortome, Delta
Jessica van Ryk, Gray
Wendy Yamazaki, Seaquam

Alternate: Daniella Furland, Richardson

Local Representatives: Alison Kerr, Kathy Macfarlane & Matt Huang

Calendar of Events - February 2025

Feb 10 - Social Justice Mtg - Virtual
Feb 11 - Executive Committee Mtg - Virtual
Feb 12 - H & S Committee Mtg - Virtual
Feb 13 - BCTF AGM Delegates Mtg #1 - DTA
Feb 17 - Family Day
Feb 18 - School Board Mtg - District Office

Feb 21 - Non-Instructional Day
Feb 24 - Staff Rep Assembly - SE
Feb 25 - TTOC Committee Mtg - DTA
Feb 26 - PD Committee Mtg - DTA
Feb 27 - BCTF AGM Delegates Mtg #2 - DTA