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BCPVPA Technology for Professional Learning (T4PL) Series 2 [Nov & Dec]

Integrating well-being into the culture of schools: Research and practice with Mali Bain and Stephen Smith

Wednesday, November 9 7:30 to 8 am: We'll start by providing an overview of the latest research on why social and emotional wellbeing is important for success in school and in life and provide a tool that you can use to share that message with colleagues, teachers and parents. We'll discuss the wide range of programs and supports that one can put in place within a school, and suggest some areas to begin work. Finally, we'll share some key takeaways from our efforts to integrate well-being in six school districts and a set of 'organizational conditions' to support a culture that supports wellbeing. **Mali Bain** is the BC lead for WellAhead, a national initiative of the J. W. McConnell Family Foundation aiming to improve child and youth mental health by integrating social and emotional wellbeing into K-12 Education. **Stephen Smith** is the Director, Social/Emotional Health & Resiliency at the BC Ministry of Health. Stephen has policy oversight for issues related to positive mental health and wellbeing across the lifespan.

The BCPVPA is launching its second series of Technology for Professional Learning sessions, Wed, November 9, from 7:30 to 8 am. Sessions will continue for five weeks, through Dec 7. Sessions are free to all BCPVPA members. For this first session, registration is limited a maximum of 100 participants.

To participate email Richard Williams (rwilliams@bcvpva.bc.ca) **as soon as possible, but no later than 8 am Tuesday** and a link to join the meeting will be sent to you on Tuesday afternoon. All presentations will be hosted on Skype for Business. If you do not have Skype for Business you will be directed to download the app (free and easy) and you will be able to join the meeting at 7:30 am on Wednesday, Nov 9.

Details about the entire five-week series can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2fLouxI>

Leadership Opportunities **Mission** invites applications for an elementary school Principal. Applications are due by 4 pm, November 10. <http://bit.ly/2e0ZZKr>

See Vernon's display ad on the next page.

Vernon invites applications for Director of Instruction, Student Learning, responsible for: delivery of educational programs; supervision and evaluation of school-based programs; educational curriculum and resources; and, curriculum related activities. Apply by 2 pm, Nov 14. <http://bit.ly/1QUbqMi>

Surrey invites applications for a Secondary Learning Centre Principal, in anticipation of a January vacancy. Learn Centres are among the broad range of programs the district offers to meet the diverse needs of learners. The five Learning Centres are store-front, small secondary schools that offer a continuous entry alternative program providing a personalized approach to learning for students in grades 10 through 12. Apply by 4 pm, Nov 14. <http://bit.ly/2aYh898>



Leadership opportunities

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Central Okanagan invites applications for Director of Human Resources. “The labour relations portfolio is a major focus of this role as the Director has responsibility for the interpretation and administration of the collective agreements and contracts, and provides labour relations advice consistent with the terms of the collective agreements and the Board’s rights and obligations. In addition, the Director is responsible for collective agreement renewal, employment processes, human resources records management and support services for employees.” Applications are due by 12 pm, November 14. <http://bit.ly/2dQlBt6>

Prince George invites applications for future Principal and Vice-Principal vacancies. “As a dynamic leader with a proven record of exemplary teaching and administration experience, you have the knowledge and enthusiasm necessary to implement new and innovative ideas that lead to student success and are proficient in developing, implementing and evaluating programs.” Apply by 12 pm, Nov 14. <http://bit.ly/2eWvoLP>

Prince George invites applications for Assistant Superintendent, effective January 3 or as mutually agreed, but no later than August 1. Applications will be received until a suitable candidate has been placed, however, applying by November 28 is recommended. <http://bit.ly/2f8mSOw>



VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22

Director of Instruction, Student Learning (effective January 1)

View the complete posting at
<http://bit.ly/1QUbqMi>

This position reports to the Superintendent and is a member of the management team. The successful candidate will assume responsibility for all aspects of: delivery of educational programs; supervision and evaluation of school-based programs; educational curriculum/resources; and, curriculum related activities. Among the qualifications are: minimum 5 years school-based experience as a Principal; experience as a District

Principal or Director of Instruction; Masters degree in an applicable area; curriculum expertise at both elementary and secondary levels; proven experience in promotion and implementing Differentiated Instruction, project- and play-based learning; an understanding of and ability to promote assessment for, of, and as learning; and proven ability to facilitate small and large groups.

Résumés including references and a statement of your educational philosophy must be received by the undersigned by 2 pm Monday, November 14. Please include a reference from your current supervisor as well as a written response to the following question: *Describe and provide three examples of how you have worked with staff to improve student learning and increase student engagement and success.*

Please send application package to: Joe Rogers, Superintendent of Schools, jrogers@sd22.bc.ca



Annual General Meeting of the



Saturday, November 19

Registration opens at 12 noon • Meeting begins at 1 pm
Pacific Gateway Hotel • 3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond

All BCPVPA members have been emailed the Association's Audited Financial Statements as at June 30, 2016. Please email loshea@bcvpa.bc.ca if you do not receive these statements.

Some upcoming events **Learning Forward's 2016 annual conference** in Vancouver, December 3 to 7, provides educators with content and tools to bring powerful forms of professional learning back home. Participants will gain practical solutions to challenges and learn strategies to build school leader capacity. Innovative practitioners will present in more than 350 concurrent sessions on topics including social emotional learning;

developing or shifting mindsets; visible learning; teacher leadership; quality feedback; presentation and facilitation skills; program evaluation; Aboriginal education; and more. Among the presenters are Tom Guskey and Joellen Killion; Tom Hierck; Marcia Tate; Jim Knight; Anthony Muhammad; and Linda Kaser and Judy Halbert. Information: <http://bit.ly/2bGHLg6>



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RE-IMAGINING EDUCATION
According to *The Economist*, many of today's high school graduates are not equipped to meet the needs of our community, our world, and the new economy. We need graduates with an entrepreneurial mindset who are empowered to face the challenges of the 21st Century—those with critical thinking skills, creativity, and the ability to collaborate and communicate.

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Educators Afternoon Event
Friday, January 13 at 1:00 pm
Open to teachers, principals, and support staff
Download Educator Event Poster

TICKETS: \$25/person
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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: SIR KEN ROBINSON
Sir Ken Robinson is also one of the world's leading speakers. Voices of his famous talks to the prestigious TED Conference are the most viewed in the history of the organization and have been seen by an estimated 300 million people in over 150 countries. Sir Ken works with governments in Europe, Asia and the US, international agencies, Fortune 500 companies and leading cultural organizations.

Sir Ken Robinson will be the guest speak at Abbotsford Christian School's 'educators' afternoon event, January 13, 2017 The focus is Learning Revolution: Preparing Students for the 21st Century. Tickets are \$25 per person. Information/tickets:

<http://abbotsfordchristian.com/SirKen>

The Canadian Association of Principals will host its annual convention in Saskatoon, May 23-26. Growing Together: Cultivating Change has confirmed two speakers so far: Anthony Muhammad, who has been a teacher, assistant principal, and principal; and, George Couros, a Division Principal of Innovative Teaching and Learning with Parkland School Division, in Stony Plain, Alberta. Registration/information: <http://bit.ly/2eKtP4k>



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2017

35th Annual Conference
May 23-26, 2017
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Growing Together
Cultivating Change

The Future of Principals in Canada
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President Kevin Reimer on visits & committees

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My thanks are extended to the Presidents of the Saanich and Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Chapters for hosting my recent visits. My trip to Saanich was at the invitation of Chapter President **Gord Redlin** (@gwredlin) who is a Vice-Principal at Stelly's Secondary. Stelly's is home to a remarkable community climbing center that has held the World Youth Climbing Championships and will be home to the national training center soon. Our next stop was to visit Principal **Cathy Crockett-Moore** and Vice-Principal **Rae Dennet** (@RaeRaerae13) who have formed the new leadership team at KELSET Elementary School. I visited on the day of the *Drop Everything and Read* event and the school was full of students, staff, and family members participating in a school-wide read. In addition, the school hosts a *Drop Everything and Listen* event where Aboriginal elders share stories with students in their outdoor classroom. My final stop was to Royal Oak Middle School to visit Principal **Carly Hunter** (@CarlyHunter63) and Vice-Principal **Ken Bergeron**. The district has moved away from traditional libraries to a learning commons approach. I was able to see how they have transformed that library space to make it a vibrant hub for in-depth inquiry learning.

Thanks to Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows President **Cathie Watkins** for hosting my visit to the district. Principal **Chad Raible** (@cratman2) and VP **Laureen Hickey** (@OOhky) led me on a tour of Yennadon Elementary, a large (550+ students) school built with a collaborative approach to teaching. The school is also one of the elementary distance learning hubs for the district. I had the great pleasure of visiting the Environmental School Project and Principal **Clayton Maitland** (@ClaytonMaitland). I was greeted by the 80+ students who were far better prepared for the rain than I was. Their entire day, apart from some time spent under a pop-up tent, is in the outdoors where they engage in activities that stimulate the mind, body, and heart. To learn more about the school and its approach to learning I encourage you to visit <http://es.sd42.ca/> My final visit was to Thomas Haney Secondary to reconnect with Principal **Grant Frend** (@GrantFrend). Haney offers a continuous, self-directed learning model housed within a building founded on open architecture and a seminar approach to learning. Often, when secondary schools look to changing their timetable or approach to learning, the Haney model inevitably becomes part of the conversation.

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Short, timely updates

eNews from the BCPVPA
November 4, 2016

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In addition to my Chapter visits, the Association held its first meeting of the Mental Health and Wellness Advisory Committee. With the increasing complexity, stress, and demands of school leadership this committee is tasked with developing a strategic approach to supporting the mental health and wellness of our members. To better understand the issues in the field this committee is in the process of developing a member wellness survey that will go out to the field early in the new year.

Lastly, our Contract Advisory Committee met on Friday and Saturday to prepare for our contract committee meeting later in the year. The Contract Advisory Committee provides advice to the board and serves to support chapter leaders in the contractual issues that can arise in their home districts. Many thanks to Harold, Don, Warren and all of our Contract Advisory Committee members for their commitment of time and service.

Have a great weekend, Kevin

BCPVPA retirement seminars in Vancouver & Kamloops

The **BCPVPA** is offering retirement seminars in Vancouver and Kamloops. Recommended for everyone who is considering retirement, or is within their last five years of employment, the seminars will walk attendees through pre-retirement package and retirement checklist. Pension options will be discussed, case studies presented, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Seminars are scheduled from 9 am to 12 noon as follows: **November 26**, Vancouver, BCPVPA office; **December 3**, Vancouver, BCPVPA office; and **January 28**, Kamloops, École South Sa-Hali Elementary. Spouses are welcome.

To register email Jana Ftacnik Pastorkova
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Connecting Landscapes for Learning Learning Forward's 2016 Annual Conference

Vancouver • December 3-7

Learning Forward's 2016 annual conference in Vancouver, December 3 to 7, provides educators with content and tools to bring powerful forms of professional learning back home. Participants will gain practical solutions to challenges and learn strategies to build school leader capacity. Innovative practitioners will present in more than 350 concurrent sessions on topics including social emotional learning; developing or shifting mindsets; visible learning; teacher leadership; quality feedback; presentation and facilitation skills; program evaluation; Aboriginal education; and more. Among the presenters are Tom Guskey and Joellen Killion; Tom Hierck; Marcia Tate; Jim Knight; Anthony Muhammad; and Linda Kaser and Judy Halbert.

Information <http://bit.ly/2bGHLg6>

BCPVPA dates 2016-2017

All meetings are held at the Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond (except Short Course)

- November 18 **Presidents' meeting**
- November 18-19 **Chapter Council**
- November 19 **AGM**
- January 19-21 **Contract seminar**
- February 24-25 **Chapter Council**
- May 12 **Issues Forum**
- May 12-13 **Chapter Council**
(Partnership Awards presentation, election speeches)
- July 4-8 **Short Course at UBC**

2016**November 14-16, Vancouver, BC****World Conference on E-Learning**

Information: <http://www.ace.org/conf/>

November 28, Kamloops, BC (Also December 7 Vancouver)**De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations™**

Information: <http://bit.ly/2dL0NoY>

December 1-2, Vancouver, BC**Helping Children: Practical Tools for Engaging and Supporting**

Information: <http://bit.ly/2dL0NoY>

December 3-7, Vancouver**Connecting Landscapes for Learning**

The Learning Forward (National Staff Development Council) annual conference at the Vancouver Convention Center (see box at the bottom of the next page).

Information: <http://learningforward.org/>

December 8, Vancouver, BC**Crisis Response Planning**

Information: <http://bit.ly/2dL0NoY>

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January 13, Abbotsford, BC

Learning Revolution: Preparing Students for the 21st Century

Sir Ken Robinson is the guest speaker at Abbotsford Christian School's "Educators' Afternoon Event."

Tickets are \$25 per person.

Information/tickets: <http://abbotsfordchristian.com/SirKen>

January 14, Langley, BC

Courage and Curiosity

Ted^x Langley features more than a dozen speakers including Sandy Balascak, Savanna S. Flakes, and Tim Stephenson.

Information soon: <http://tedxlangleyed.com>

February 16-17, Vancouver, BC

The 30th annual conference of the BC Alternate Education Society

Will Richardson is the keynote speaker and sessions will be led by Melissa Redekop, Dzung X. Vo, Jeremy Church, Dr. Gordon Neufeld and more.

Information: <http://bcaea.com/conference.html>

February 18, Vancouver, BC

Reimagining Public Education Discourse in BC

One of the four symposia developed by The Faculty of Education at SFU and its Centre for Educational Leadership and Policy. The final two symposia will be held in October 2017 and February 2018.

Information: <http://bit.ly/2bctevs>

February 21-22, Vancouver, BC

Working with Families: Strategies for Engaging and Helping

Information: <http://bit.ly/2dL0NoY>

February 23-24, Richmond, BC

Crosscurrents 2017

The annual conference of the Special Education Association of BC will feature Michelle Garcia Winner as the main speaker. Sessions will be led by Maureen Dockendorf, Sarah Kinsley, Kim Barthel and more.

Information: <http://www.seaofbc.ca/crosscurrents>

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March 1, Vancouver, BC (Also March 6 in Victoria)
Understanding Mental Illness in Children and Youth

Information: <http://bit.ly/2dL0NoY>

March 5-9, Austin, TX
Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education

Information: <http://www.ace.org/conf/>

March 7-8, Vancouver, BC
Motivating Changes: Strategies for Approaching Resistance Youth

Information: <http://bit.ly/2dL0NoY>

March 25-27, Anaheim, CA

The annual conference of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

Information: <http://www.ascd.org/conferences.aspx>

March 29, Vancouver, BC
Violence Threat Assessment: Planning and Response

Information: <http://bit.ly/2dL0NoY>

April 5-6, Toronto, ON

The 6th annual summit on education technology strategies

Information: <http://www.educationtechnologysummit.com/>

April 9-12, Banff, AB
uLead 2017

Keynote presenters include Alberta's Minister of Education, the Honourable David Eggen, New South Wales' Minister of Education, the Honourable Adrian Picolli, Simon Breakspear (Sydney, Australia), Carol Campbell (OISE), Gillian Hamilton (Glasgow) and talented educational leaders from around the world. Several additional Ministers of Education from around the world will also attend and participate in a panel discussion.

Information: <http://www.ulead.ca/uLead.html>

April 20-May 2, Saskatoon, SK
In the Land of Living Skies: Expanding Horizons in Education and the Law

The annual conference of the Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education.

Call for paper through November 30, 2016.

Information: <http://capsle.ca/>

April 25-27, Toronto, ON
Connect 2017

An annual conference to encourage the development of a community of passionate educators, technology experts, and leaders.

Information: <http://www.canconnected.com/>

April 30-May 3, Vancouver, BC

The 2017 Canadian Evaluation Society's Conference, *Facing Forward: Innovation, Action and Reflection*, is designed to inspire evaluators to delve into the latest methods and approaches.

Information: <http://www.canconnected.com/>

May 12, Richmond, BC

BCPVPA Issues Forum

Information: [eNews and the BCPVPA website](#)

May 4-6, Richmond, BC

The annual conference of the Early Childhood Educators of BC.

Information: <http://www.ecebc.ca>

May 23-26, Saskatoon, SK

Growing Together: Cultivating the Change

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June 21-23, Washington, DC

EDMedia 2017

The world conference on educational media & technology.

Information: <http://www.ace.org/conf/>

July 4-8, Vancouver

The BCPVPA's 40th Annual Short Course at UBC.

Leading Learning:

Being, Knowing, Doing

Gain the knowledge, understanding, and connections you need to enhance your school leadership journey

Information: [eNews](#) and the [BCPVPA website](#)

July 9-11, Philadelphia PA

Connecting Great Leaders Across All Levels.

The first combined national conference of both the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Registration: <https://www.principals.org/professional-learning/conferences/>

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Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education

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Planning Ahead

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Get listed: email information about your event to Richard Williams
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