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BCPVPA by-election for 1 director

Nominations close Thursday, September 21, 5 pm

Standing for election (as of September 14):

- **Karen Fello (Saanich)**
- **Read Jorgensen (Greater Victoria)**

The resignation of Tracy Godfrey from the BCPVPA Board of Directors has created a vacancy. Voting in this By-election is scheduled for October 3-5. The successful candidate will complete the term of the vacant Director's position, ending June 30, 2018.

The timeline for the election is:

- Thursday, September 21: **Nominations close.**
- Tuesday, September 26: **Statements to a maximum of 550 words are due from candidates.**
- Friday, September 29: **Statements are distributed to members (eNews and website).**
- October 3-5: **Voting.**
- October 5, 5 pm: **Voting ends.**
- The first Board meeting after the election is **October 13-14** in Richmond.

Questions about the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board: email Kevin (kreimer@bcpvpa.bc.ca) or Kit (kkrieger@bcpvpa.bc.ca). Questions about the timeline/process: email Richard (rwilliams@bcpvpa.bc.ca).

Download a nomination form: <http://bit.ly/2iBjvl4>

NEW DATE ADDED

BCPVPA retirement seminar Vancouver • December 2

The BCPVPA has added a new date to its fall retirement seminar schedule after all previously announced dates reached capacity. The new date is **December 2** (Vancouver, BCPVPA office, 9 am to 12 noon). The seminars will take attendees through an interactive process with support of a pre-retirement package and retirement checklist. Pension options will be discussed, case studies examined, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Spouses/partners are welcome. Registrations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. To secure your spot contact Emily (emily@bcpvpa.bc.ca) specifying if you are bringing a spouse.

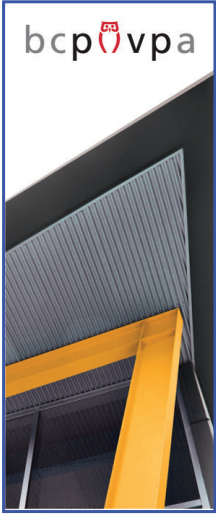
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The **2017-2018 Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program** is now available online. Among the changes included are: Terminology shifts from *Provincial Examinations* to *Graduation Assessments and Provincial Examinations*; the retirement of all of the Grade 10, 11 and the BC First Nations Studies 12 provincial exams; the administration of the new Numeracy Assessment, commencing January 2018; and, the amalgamation of the April and May exam sessions to a single April session.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/>



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BCPVPA MediaScan

Principals & vice-principals & the BCPVPA in the news

'Airy, vaulted ceilings, super science lab, teaching kitchen & theater +:' #sd43 Principal **Jon Bruneau** on new school <http://bit.ly/2xBcKTR>

On flextime: @deltasd37 Principal **@aakune**, VP **@jemacintosh** on students building responsibility and decision-making <http://bit.ly/2gsC4aq>

Transitioning back to school: #sd63 PVPs (**Tom Vickers/Wendy MacDonald/Gord Redlin**) share simple rules of engagement <http://bit.ly/2xw1t7o>

All households: @deltasd37 Principal **@aakune**, VP **@jemacintosh** hand deliver welcome letters to families/Gr 8 students <http://bit.ly/2wGuAHa>

On the art of conversation & getting involved: @sd63schools Principal **@PeterWesthaver** on gearing up for high school <http://bit.ly/2xlpbR>

Congrats to former BCPVPA & CAP President **Jameel Aziz** @CanterburyGuy as he heads to SD58 as Assistant Superintendent <http://bit.ly/2vRPbHu>

A milestone for kids & parents: @NVSD44 District Principal **Deborah Wanner's** 10 tips to prepare kids for Kindergarten <http://bit.ly/2vkboxx>

Where play is making a comeback (and a key part of learning). Interview with @WestVanSchools Principal **@judydduncan** <http://bit.ly/2vh3hSn>

Helping students develop in the new economy: #sd41 Principal **David Starr** on a coding/robotics partnership with @raghwagopal <http://bit.ly/2u5vNX8>

Congratulations to **@Leona_Prince1**, new District VP, Aboriginal Education & Megan Boniface, VP, @EBUSAcademy in #SD91 <http://bit.ly/2titZch>

'Giving each kid equal opportunity/access to tech:' #sd61 **@mr_shortreed** on iPads, Chromebooks, science & video games <http://bit.ly/2uKhB2N>

Supporting each student to set goals/progress towards graduation: @SD59PRS Principal **Joanne Dueck** on mentor program <http://bit.ly/2u6QTLx>

'Thrilled with the ceremony' 75-yr-old grad on receiving her certificate from @AbbyVirtual Principal **Brad Hutchinson** <http://bit.ly/2squWvK>

'A way cool blessing to work in education:' A nice send off for retiring @sd61schools Principal **Tarj Mann** <http://bit.ly/2sXuLK1>

On phase 1 of district's Reconciliation Garden: SD67 Principal **Alan Stel** on a class reading of the @NCTR_UM report <http://bit.ly/2rRPaPr>

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Principal opportunity in Japan

Start date April 1, 2018

BC certified Principals and Vice-Principals with experience are invited to apply for this rewarding educational opportunity. With a start date of April 1, 2018, this position offers a unique experience at a small BC Offshore High School under the direct auspices of the BC Ministry of Education, Off-shore Schools Branch.

Compensation/contract terms are on par with other BC Offshore/Onshore Schools and include free accommodation, annual return flight to Canada, and medical.

For additional information and to be considered for an interview contact

Margaret Compo

Superintendent of Schools (Japan) • Offshore School Representative

mdcompo@yahoo.ca or call 604-726-3055

Leadership Opportunities Vancouver invites applications for Superintendent/CEO of Schools. Applications are due by 11:30 pm, Sept 22. <http://bit.ly/2vWwpPj>

Vancouver invites applications for Director of Instruction/School Services. Applications are due by 4 pm, Sept 29. <http://bit.ly/1orihGA>

Vancouver invites applications for Director of Instruction/Learning Services/Special Programs. Applications are due by 4 pm, Sept 29. <http://bit.ly/1orihGA>

Burnaby invites applications for Principal, BC School for the Deaf. Apply by 4 pm, Sept 29. <http://bit.ly/2xz3EGc>

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UBC's Professional Development and Community Engagement department is launching two MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses) for educators in October. Both have been developed in collaboration with Faculty of Education departments and centres.

Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education (October 17 through December 2)
free to audit, \$50 for a verified certificate

Bringing Mental Health to Schools: a curriculum resource for Gr 8 - 10 (October 31)
\$20 registration

Information: <http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/workshops-institutes/>



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Registration
links
by each
seminar

Ministry of Education/BCPVPA webinars

September and October, 2017

The Ministry of Education and the BCPVPA are hosting a series of half-hour webinars designed to provide BCPVPA members and guests with information and developments about Ministry initiatives. In consultation with the Ministry of Education's Superintendent of Transformation, Suzanne Hoffman, the fall webinars will facilitate Ministry officials connecting directly with BCPVPA members. Two webinars will be held on most weeks (Tuesdays at 7:30 am and Thursdays at 4 pm) to provide as much information for our members at the beginning of the school year as possible. **Each webinar will last approximately 25 minutes with 10 minutes for questions from the participants.**



Foundation Skills Assessment | Tuesday, September 26 7:30 to 8 am

- Janet Powell, Acting Director, Provincial National & International Assessment
 - Nancy Walt, Executive Director, Curriculum and Assessment
- ▶ REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/BCPVPAWebinar092617>

Arts Education | Thursday, September 28 4 to 4:30 pm

- Melanie Bradford, Arts Education Coordinator
- ▶ REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/BCPVPAWebinar092817>

Career Education | Tuesday, October 3 7:30 to 8 am

- Jan Unwin, Superintendent of Graduation and Student Transitions
 - Angie Calleberg, Acting Director, Classroom Assessment
 - Nicole Arklie, Career Education Coordinator
- ▶ REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/BCPVPAWebinar100317>

Classroom Assessment | Thursday, October 5 4 to 4:30 pm

- Angie Calleberg, Acting Director, Classroom Assessment
 - Nancy Walt, Executive Director, Curriculum and Assessment
- ▶ REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/BCPVPAWebinar100517>

Math and Science | Thursday, October 12 4 to 4:30 pm

- Angie Calleberg, Acting Director, Classroom Assessment
 - Nicole Arklie, Mathematics Coordinator
- ▶ REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/BCPVPAWebinar101217>

Social Studies | Tuesday, October 17 7:30 to 8 am

- Nick Poeschek, Social Studies Coordinator
 - Brent Munro, Director, Curriculum
- ▶ REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/BCPVPAWebinar101717>

Provincial Graduation Assessments | Thursday, October 19 4 to 4:30 pm

- Markus Baer, Director, Graduation Assessments
 - Nancy Walt, Executive Director, Curriculum and Assessment
- ▶ REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/BCPVPAWebinar101917>





**President Kevin Reimer
on connections with the
Ontario Principals' Council**

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<http://bcpvpa.bc.ca/president/>



As a building principal, I appreciated any opportunity I had to visit programs in other schools or districts. Learning from another school's approach helped to clarify my thinking about how to deal with the challenge in my own leadership context.

This past week, at the invitation of the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC), **Kevin Fadum, Liz Bell** and I represented the BCPVPA on a two-day visit to Toronto to deepen our connection with our Ontario colleagues, investigate partnerships of mutual benefit, and to share and learn from each other. In my role as President, I

have had the opportunity to cross paths with OPC members and their staff on several occasions. Our conversations would frequently turn to common challenges. As such, I was keen on visiting their office to learn more about how they approach issues. My thanks to Allyson Otten, the OPC's Executive Director, and her entire team for their willingness to give our BCPVPA team the opportunity to learn from the OPC and to provide us with an opportunity to share the context of our work in BC.

In terms of governance structure, the employment relationships of its members, and its commitment to professional learning and development, the OPC is the only other public education organization in the country that resembles the BCPVPA. For Kevin, Liz and I, it was an informative glimpse into the OPC's approach to providing services and support to its 5000 members.

While there is a great deal in common between the two organizations, there are striking differences:

- In the 1970s, legislation in Ontario was passed that requires all Ontario Principals and Vice-Principals to complete the Principal's Qualification Program (PQP) to be certified to work as a P/VP in Ontario (For additional information on becoming a Principal in Ontario: <http://bit.ly/2f81MRw>). The PQP is a leadership training program that consists of 125 hours of modules and a practicum. The PQP is delivered regionally by the OPC, as the main provider, and, to a lesser extent by six other groups (five universities and the Catholic Principals' Council). The OPC believes that the investment in training prior to becoming a Vice-Principal ensures that its members are better prepared to begin their school leadership careers.
- The OPC's investment in professional learning and its system-wide approach to leadership development led to the creation of a for-profit subsidiary of the OPC. Their International School Leadership program provides leadership development training for school and system leaders around the world.



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Scholarships

The **BCPVPA** annually awards up to 20 scholarships, in the amount of \$1000 each, to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and will proceed to a post-secondary institution. Completed applications are due by Friday, September 29. <http://bcpvpa.bc.ca/student-scholarships/>

The **BC Retired PVPA** annually awards four \$1000 scholarships to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and will proceed to a BC post-secondary institution. Completed applications are due by Friday, September 29. <http://bcrpvpa.ca/>

□ After many years of advocating with government, the OPC is now the negotiating body for principals and vice-principals in Ontario. Like us, Ontario's *School Act* restricted OPC's ability to do so. However, the *Canadian Charter of Rights*, as well as some recent landmark labour cases in BC, provided OPC with the legal argument to convince government and its Trustees association to negotiate directly with the OPC. The OPC stance, with which I agree, is that it is not a union, but a labour organization. Recent court cases across the country have confirmed that labour organizations have the legal right to negotiate the terms and conditions of employment on behalf of their membership.

We concluded our visit to the OPC with a mutual commitment to stay connected moving forward. Sharing our successes and challenges, as well as our resources and programs, will better assist both the OPC and the BCPVPA to serve their respective members.

Have a great weekend, Kevin

BCPVPA Mentorship *Pilot Program*

The BCPVPA is initiating a provincial pilot mentorship program for the 2017-2018 school year, recognizing the unique work and challenges encountered by new school-based principals and vice-principals throughout British Columbia. Initially this pilot aims to cultivate a network of support and collaborative partnerships engaging retired principals and vice-principals as mentors. The pilot project will include up to 40 mentoring partnerships, which will inform the longer-range development and sustainability of this provincial initiative respecting the need for place-based responsive design.

For information and application forms (as both mentor and mentee) visit
<http://bcpvpa.bc.ca/mentorship/>

Committee openings Professional Learning & Development

There are two openings on the BCPVPA's Professional Learning & Development Advisory Committee. Successful applicants will join an existing committee of five members (plus two staff and one Board representative) for a two-year term. Among the responsibilities are: advise the Board with respect to programs and services; conduct member needs assessment as required; and, provide advice to the budget committee. The committee meets prior to and with the Professional Learning Representatives meetings (the next Advisory meeting is October 1, Rep meeting October 2).

Applications are due by 5 pm, September 22. Apply <http://bit.ly/18AMAIR>