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Friday September 21, 2018

A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

Distance

Traveling used to mean a complete disconnect from regular routines, and moving cities would often cue a closure of bonds to that previous life. Technology has changed the way that we think about distance and has proven that we are never really that far apart. My move to Vancouver has doubled my distance from my youngest daughter, but FaceTime and messaging has allowed us to connect meaningfully about each day's events: with all my kids, the question "*how was your day*" now elicits chat, videos and photos rather than a simple "*fine*".

I had the pleasure of attending the British Columbia Distributed Learning Administrators Association (BCDLAA) conference this week and, like most of the participants, I travelled a distance to get there. While there is a certain irony to this fact, it was clear that the opportunity to gather together in the same place brought strength to current relationships and helped to foster new collaborations.

These professionals are providing the much-needed access to quality education that is often limited by time and space. Students living in remote areas of BC can use distributed learning technologies to access learning opportunities and curriculum. During the meeting, a research expert in distributed learning trends across the globe used Zoom to share the progress of his research from Sonoma, California.

Distance encourages us to share our many stories about community work, staff engagement and student success. Distance draws us to strengthen our connections and be mindful of the quality of our interactions. And distance leads us to eagerly anticipate that first face-to-face contact with a remote colleague or the smile of a good friend at the end of a journey.

I really look forward to travelling across BC, listening to the stories of our members and sharing them with all of you along the way.

Take care,
David



BCPVPA DIRECTOR BY-ELECTION

A reminder that we are accepting Nominations for the Director vacancy on the Board:
[**BCVVPANomForm**](#)

October 15: Nominations close at 5pm
October 19: Candidate statements distributed to members and posted to website
October 23-25: Voting by electronic ballot to 5pm October 25

All members of the BCPVPA are registered to vote in the election.

BCPVPA UPDATES

David visited Kelowna this week and will be in Trail from September 24 – 27

BC Mental Health Literacy ProD Implementation Strategy

David recently attended a presentation by UBC's [Wendy Carr](#) about this initiative which is designed through its stages of implementation to build capacity at all levels by training core and district trainers and establishing online ProD resources.

We will continue to update the membership on the details of this strategy as it is developed.

LEAP Update Fall 2018

International learning experiences are available through the BCPVPA!

This summer Bev Forester, Bobby Sama and Steve Dalla Lana joined the growing number of BC educational leaders who have participated in the **New South Wales LEAP Peer Shadowing Program**. Bev, Bobby and Steve spent 2 exceptional weeks of learning while living and working with their Aussie partners in different areas of NSW. For each, a few weeks of personal travel in Australia rounded out the experience — highly recommended by all.

This fall the BC educators who travelled to Australia this summer and last welcome their Aussie partner to their homes and schools. Five New South Wales leaders arrive on September 30th and will live with and shadow their learning partner. Lasting relationships are created over the course of this international exchange.

BCPVPA introduced the **Finland LEAP Peer Shadowing Program** this year and on October 5, three educators will arrive from Finland and shadow Laurie Bryce, Michele Reid and Elise Bertholm. In March 2019, Laurie, Michele and Elise will be joined by Gene Doray and Shelley Hardcastle in their reciprocal visit to the home and school of their learning partners in Finland. We are so excited to have two of our Finnish friends join us at Connecting Leaders 2018 in Nanaimo.

If you are interested in participating in this deep learning opportunity to NSW next year, please see the LEAP website aleap4principals.com.au or contact Elizabeth Bell at BCPVPA elizabeth@bcpvpa.bc.ca

LEAP Study Tour

BCPVPA is excited to welcome 15 educators from New South Wales as they embark on a two-week Study Tour, a unique opportunity to celebrate and learn about BC's success in Indigenous Education from the people who have made it happen.

The program was designed in conjunction with Kit Krieger and BCPVPA staff, and Warren Marks and Suzanne Lazenby who are the directors of LEAP NSW. The Aussies will be hosted by School District 85 as they journey to north Vancouver Island to experience the wonderful culture of Port Hardy and Alert Bay. Based back in Vancouver, the group will experience the more urban nature of indigenous education in the school districts of Vancouver and North Vancouver before they head to the Sea to Sky district and the Pemberton valley.

This study tour provides a unique opportunity for BC educators to not only share our successes and challenges in indigenous education but to also learn from the NSW educators as they share a somewhat paralleled experience in Australia. Learning is the key to success and embracing international opportunities is just one more way that we support student achievement.

BCPVPA EVENTS

Leading the Way

Women in Educational Leadership – Saturday, October 13, 2018

This event is sold out and closed for registration

BCPVPA Connecting Leaders 2018 Conference

Changing Tides: Charting Our Course Together – October 18, 19 and 20, 2018

Featuring:

Simon Breakspear – *a leading thinker on educational change and learning innovation.*

Roy Henry-Vickers – *a renowned Canadian First Nations artist and sought-after keynote speaker.*

Candy Palmater – *a Canadian comedian, broadcaster, and writer/creator of her own national TV show for APTN*

Simon Breakspear will lead an individual breakout session, and other breakout sessions will be held by leading BC educators. All sessions will address at least one of the conference strands: Inclusion, Resilience, Leadership, Change, and Wellness.

Space is limited to 425 delegates – please register before October 9

Register: bit.ly/BCPVPA2018

Retirement Info Opportunities

The BCPVPA will offer retirement seminars in Vancouver this year. The seminar provides an overview of the pension plan and highlights important considerations when selecting pension options.

Seminars are scheduled from 9:00am to 12noon at the BCPVPA Vancouver office:

November 3, 2018

December 8, 2018

January 26, 2019

Additional sessions may be announced based upon demand.

Spouses are welcome, and registration is first come, first served with a 25-person seating capacity for each session.

To register please email Emily Rogness emily@bcpvpa.bc.ca and specify:

your first choice of session date
your second choice of session date
your full name
your current school district
if your spouse will attend

All pension plan members are reminded that the "new" pension plan calculator (personalized calculator) is now available at the [teacher pension plan website](#).

MEMBER & PARTNER EVENTS

Amp-ED – Friday September 28, 2018

Thomas Haney Secondary School

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

A one-day experience designed for anyone with a leadership role to super-charge this school year. Learn to amplify your practice, amplify your culture, and amplify your impact with Dr. Kaleb Rashad (Director-High Tech High) and Dr. Eric Chagala (Principal- Vista Innovation and Design Academy)

Register: bit.ly/Amp-ED

Design Camp, BC 2018 – Saturday September 29, 2018

Thomas Haney Secondary School

8:15 am – 1:45 pm

Free, participant-driven deep dive into all things related to design and innovation: school culture, leadership, project design, collaborative problem solving, engineering & arts, aboriginal education, learning spaces humanities & sciences.

Register: bit.ly/designcampbc

edcamp new westminster – Saturday September 29, 2018

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Engage Indigenous perspectives at this free professional Development “unconference”

Register: bit.ly/edcampnewwest

The First Peoples Principles of Learning – Thursday October 25, 2018

4:30pm – 7:30pm

Centennial Secondary School, 570 Poirier St., Coquitlam

The Coquitlam School District and Learning Forward BC invite cross-role educational teams to this inspiring evening that includes a light dinner and a facilitated conversation with Gail Bedard and Andrea McComb.

[Find out more](#)

Visible Learning Foundation Day Institute – November 5 and 6, 2018

With keynote speakers Ainsley Rose, Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey
Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, Richmond

Register: bit.ly/VancouverVLBCPVPA

BCSSA 2018 Fall Conference

Transforming Education: Well-Being in Schools – November 8 and 9, 2018

The conference is open to all BCSSA members, other senior district staff and their district teams of principals, teachers, trustees, PAC representatives, and other partners.

See the [event page](#) for information about the agenda, registration and hotel bookings
Westin Bayshore Vancouver

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Future-Focused Learning: Ten Essential Shifts of Everyday Practice – November 19-20, 2018

With leading expert Lee Watanabe-Crockett
Richmond BC

[Find out more](#)

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Assessing Critical Competencies: Modernizing Assessment and Reporting for the New BC Curriculum – November 21-22, 2018

With leading expert Tom Schimmer
Richmond BC

[Find out more](#)



SD 68, Nanaimo-Ladysmith,

Elementary & Secondary Principals & Vice Principals bit.ly/2pobq3M

We are seeking a select number of Elementary and Secondary principals and vice-principals for our eligibility pools. Successful applicants will remain in the eligible candidate pool for a two-year period.

Closing date is September 30, 2018.

SD 83, North Okanagan Shuswap,

Vice Principals bit.ly/2MIzPF9

In anticipation of upcoming openings, School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) is inviting applications for a vice-principal pool competition. Successful candidates will be eligible for assignment to a suitable vice-principal position at one of our elementary, middle, or secondary schools within the next twenty-four months.

Closing date is October 1, 2018.

The British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA)

Director of Strategic Initiatives

This full-time position is responsible for leading the BCSTA's work in regard to a variety of BCSTA's strategic initiatives, including a focus on building an expanded public profile. Additionally, this position is responsible for providing background research related to the K-12 education sector, oversight of specific internal and external projects and working groups and has primary responsibility for assigned key advocacy initiatives.

Closing date is October 15, 2018

[Find out more](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Mentor Applications

The BCPVPA is continuing its **mentorship program** for the 2018-2019 school year, recognizing the unique work and challenges encountered by new school-based principals and vice-principals throughout British Columbia.

The Program aims to cultivate a network of support and collaborative partnership engaging retired principals as mentors, matching mentors with newly appointed colleagues in districts different to their own.

Some comments from last year's inaugural program:

- *"Taking the time to reflect on goals, strategies, next steps with an interested conversation partner has helped me to gain more objectivity regarding my job and my learning. The mentors' role is supportive but also geared to expanding my own perspective so there is always room for growth."* 2017-2018 mentee
- *"This is exactly what I was looking for as an educational pursuit since retirement. I was awakened to the whole process of mentorship and its positive implications to sustain principal leadership."* 2017-2018 mentor

Participants commit to a weekly confidential coaching conversation, with follow-up emails and/or texts. Mentor/mentee pairs will be matched during the first week of October and mentors only will participate in training/coaching sessions at the BCPVPA office beginning in October.

Download the [Mentee application](#) and scan and email your completed application to [Kevin Reimer](#).

Space is limited: deadline is September 28.

bcpvpa.bc.ca/mentorship

IGNITE Sessions

IGNITE Sessions are an opportunity to share local and provincial leadership stories at the Connecting Leaders 2018 Conference October 18-20, 2018 in Nanaimo, BC

Fun, fast presentations

20 slides at 15 seconds each
5-minute maximum presentation
Challenge yourself and share your thoughts

The focus of the presentation is yours to determine: the strands of the Connecting Leaders are Inclusion, Resilience, Leadership, Change, Wellness

If you would like to present an IGNITE Session to your colleagues at Connecting Leaders, **please contact Jane Reynolds** jreynolds@sd69.bc.ca

BCPVPA Committee Applications

All BCPVPA members are eligible to apply to serve on BCPVPA advisory committees that assist the BCPVPA Board of Directors in carrying out its responsibilities. Committee meetings are typically held several times per year at our office in Vancouver, or at the Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond.

Aboriginal Leadership Advisory Committee
Budget Committee
Work Intensification and Wellness Advisory Committee

BCPVPA members serving on committees are appointed to two-year terms, and members are eligible to reapply and serve a maximum of three consecutive terms on that committee. If you are interested in applying or reapplying to serve on a committee, please complete and submit your application by October 5.

bit.ly/BCPVPACommApplic



BCPVPA/Ministry of Education Webinar Series

Our thanks to the Ministry personnel who recently provided very informative **webinars** for our members and leadership partners. Access the webinars on our BCPVPA YouTube channel:

Foundation Skills Assessment webinar

<https://bit.ly/2NQOvbM>

Graduation Numeracy Assessment webinar

<https://bit.ly/2PD3Qxq>

Career Education 10-12 Webinar

<https://bit.ly/2NeuNtJ>

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