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A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

Reading and Leading

I've participated in a number of book clubs over the years, some for fiction but mostly for books that focus on themes of education and leadership. But here's the thing: I found it challenging to pair my tremendous book club enthusiasm with successful completion of that session's selection. Tackling a book for pleasure – even one that I was very keen to read – could be a struggle when there were so many other tasks in the school vying for my attention. I gravitated to reading online articles for my professional learning as that felt achievable and still gave me the personal development that I was craving. But without a book club, I didn't have a cohort of readers around me who were eager to discuss and debate the content and concepts.

It amuses me now that it took time for me to accept that books have chapters, and that reading a chapter is a lot like reading an online article. So, a book club that is

accepting of personal pace – and that encourages members to consume the book in the way that suits them – is my kind of book club. And I'm happy to say that's the book club that we're launching next week.

The BCPVPA Book Club starts on Wednesday September 18, the first of four monthly sessions this Fall that will examine [Michael Fullan's Nuance](#), co-published by the BCPVPA and the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC) through Corwin Press. Each session will focus on a chapter, and while we will offer support from our committee, our greatest desire is for the book club members to lead their own discussions. Through the Zoom platform, we will break out into rooms for ease of conversation and then will gather back together to conclude. We'll be encouraging continued dialogue through the weeks between the book club sessions, and you can read more about that later in this issue of eNews.

We see the BCPVPA Book Club as a special opportunity for our members to meet online. You may come into the room with friends, but you'll definitely have a chance to chat with someone you've never met. And while we can't promise that Michael Fullan himself will drop into one of our sessions, he is interested in what we're doing and has invited our comments and questions as we get into the book.

If you haven't yet had a chance to read the book, don't let that hold you back: the book club's discussion of the concept of nuance and why some leaders succeed where others fail will be rich and relatable, and everyone will be able to contribute. No need to register or sign up: we'll just see you there!

Wednesday September 18, 7:30 am – 8:30 am

<https://bcpvpa.zoom.us/j/906360553>

Take Care,
David

David's Highlights

- *September 11 – Meeting with McConnell Foundation*
- *September 12 – Meeting with BCSTA*
- *September 12 – WE 25th Anniversary Celebration*

- *September 13 – WorkSafeBC: Review of Workplace Violence, Bullying and Harassment Regulations and Policies*

On the Horizon

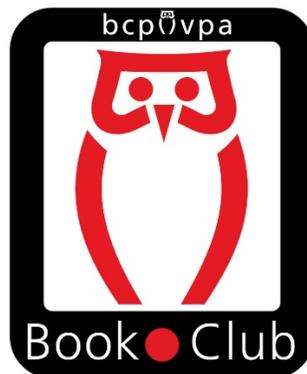
- *September 16-17 – Chapter Visit: Bella Coola SD49 (Central Coast)*
- *September 18 – BCPVPA Book Club – session 1*
- *September 19 – Violence in Education Working Group Meeting*
- *September 19 – BCPVPA Board of Directors Teleconference*
- *September 20 – HELP Report CSL in BC*
- *September 22-26 – Chapter Visits (Vancouver Island)*

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This Week's Highlight

BCPVPA BOOK CLUB LAUNCH - NUANCE

You heard it from the President: our first meeting is nearly here!



What you need to know:

Wednesday September 18

Starting at 7:30am sharp – please join us by 7:20am

No pre-registration required

<https://bcpvpa.zoom.us/j/906360553>

What to expect:

In this first meeting, we'll take a moment to introduce the book, and how the Book Club will be run for the four sessions, but then it's over to you! Participants will be placed into rooms to consider and discuss these questions:

Where in your current context do you find nuance in yourself and others?

What are strategies you have used or seen that have moved people to action?

What are examples of connections between the Leadership Standards and Nuanced Leadership? How do they play out in your own practice?

What can you do?

Let your colleagues know you'll be there, and bring a friend!

Use the hashtag **#nuancechat** and tag **@bcpvpa** in your posts and share what you hope to talk about.

The BCPVPA Book Club is on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:30am – 8:30am:

Wednesday September 18

Wednesday October 16

Wednesday November 20

Wednesday December 18

The unique Zoom link for each session will be posted in eNews the preceding week.

BCPVPA Updates

Reminder

If you have a new address, school or role this Fall, or if you have a question for our team, please use our online [contact forms](#)

NEW

Committee Opportunities

We have member opportunities on these committees:

Work Intensification and Wellbeing Advisory Committee
(Oct. 7th, 2019 / January 20, 2020)

Indigenous Leadership Advisory Committee
(Nov. 1, 2019 / February 10, 2020)

Budget Committee
(TBD - April, 2020)

Contract Advisory Committee
(Oct. 19-20, 2019 / January 23-24, 2020)

[Apply here](#)

Application deadline: September 27, 2019

Deadline Extended

Contract Advisory Committee (CAC) - Openings

There are two openings – **Metro Vancouver** and **Fraser Valley** – on the Contract Advisory Committee. The Contract Advisory Committee is established to advise the BCPVPA Board of Directors on matters related to contract negotiations, total compensation and support for members in their employment relationships with school districts, and to serve in a liaison role to ensure that BCPVPA economic security policy and programs reflect member needs and perspectives. The successful candidates will be part of a committee comprised of 15 representatives from the seven BCPSEA geographic zones, two BCPVPA Board Members, three Directors from Member Support Services, and the President. Committee members are appointed for two-year terms and may serve up to three consecutive terms. The Committee meets two or three times per year in Vancouver.

[Click here to apply](#). Application deadline has been extended to **Friday September 20, 2019**.

Waitlist for December!

BCPVPA Retirement Seminars

Are you ready for retirement? Whether you are mid-career or in the final years of work, it's a great question to ask yourself. BCPVPA's Retirement Seminars address the question of retirement-readiness, the specifics of the Teachers' Pension Plan and any questions that you may have.

BCPVPA will offer two Retirement Seminar sessions at our Vancouver office:

Saturday September 28 – *there are still spots available*

Saturday December 14 – *seminar is full, but a waitlist option has been added*

[Register for the Metro Vancouver Seminars](#)

BCPVPA would like to host a Retirement Seminar on Vancouver Island and one in the BC Interior: available dates are Saturday November 30, Saturday January 18 or Saturday February 29.

Please contact emily@bcpvpa.bc.ca to inquire about coordinating a Retirement Seminar in your region.

BetterEducate

Have you checked out BetterEducate's new dashboard? [Visit the site](#), click on the BCPVPA members icon and sign up for your free membership with the promo code **Bcpvpa123**.

Early Intervention Program (EIP)

The BCPVPA is pleased to announce that the Early Intervention Program (EIP) expands province-wide effective September 2019. The EIP is a professional support service provided by the BCPVPA at no cost to you and is completely voluntary and confidential. The program supports BCPVPA Benefits Plan members experiencing health-related personal and/or professional challenges.

[Find out more](#)

Professional Learning and Development Representative Meeting

Sunday October 6 and Monday October 7

PLD reps – check your email for the registration invitation

[Registration Reminder](#)

Register for Connecting Leaders 2019

Cultivating a Climate of Leadership

Join us October 24 – 26 at the beautiful Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre for three days of connection, learning and discovery.

Our keynote speakers:

[Peter DeWitt](#)

Collaborative Leadership: 6 Influences That Matter Most

[Gabrielle Scrimshaw](#)

Reconciliation in Education: The Role Educational Leadership Plays in Transforming Canada

[Dr. John Chenoweth](#)

Finding Qwemqwam̓t: Re-storying Education For Indigenous People

There will be an amazing array of thought-provoking Breakout sessions, along with unparalleled opportunities for connecting with your colleagues.

[Register](#)

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 1

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 1 is an eight-month learning experience supporting leading learning through focused dialogue that is grounded in a clear vision, all to enhance a culture of learning in your school.

2019/2020 cohorts in Salmon Arm:

LCL Level 1 – Day 1: Friday, October 18, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 2: Saturday, October 19, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 3: Friday, November 15, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 4: Friday, February 7, 2020

LCL Level 1 – Day 5: Monday, April 20, 2020

[Register](#)

Contact amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 2

Leading a Culture of Learning Level 2 is a five-day program over seven months that offers a practical extension to LCL 1.

2019/2020 cohorts in Metro Vancouver and Comox

[Register](#)

Contact amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

PowerPoint Template: The Role of the Principal in Your Child's School

The BCPVPA has a new resource, a PowerPoint presentation template that you can edit and adapt as a presentation for your own PAC meetings or other school events.

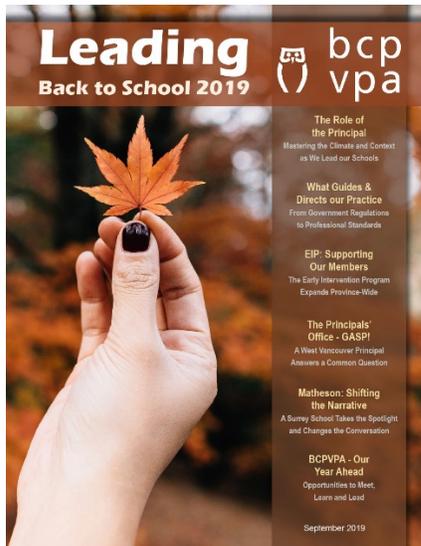
It can be challenging to communicate the scope of a Principal's work to the many contacts in our networks and to support their understanding of the responsibilities of the Principal in their school – this template gives you an opportunity to introduce yourself and your staff, provide an overview of the public education framework in BC and elaborate on your expertise and what is important to you.

The PowerPoint includes notes for each slide to help you to modify images and messaging. We hope that you find this resource to be helpful!

[Download the PowerPoint](#)

BCPVPA – Leading: Back To School

The BCPVPA welcomes our members back with a new annual digital publication [Leading: Back to School](#), a Fall guide packed with information, tips, ideas and inspiration for the year ahead.



BCPVPA Student Scholarships: Final Week to Apply

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. Visit bcpvpa.bc.ca/student-scholarships to find out more. Deadline for application is September 20, 2019.

BCPVPA Webinar Series

We're excited about the upcoming BCPVPA Fall Webinar Series: we have an exceptional line-up, and more details will be available soon.

To view the webinars from our past series, visit bcpvpa.bc.ca/webinars.

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Member & Partner News

NEW

3rd Character Abbotsford Conference

Friday October 25, 8am - 4pm

Abbotsford Arts Centre and Abbotsford Senior Secondary

Keynote speakers: Mike Smith and Barb Stegemann

Learn from empowering leaders and organizations that have a proven ability to build community in their cities, schools, businesses, teams and neighborhoods.

Breakout sessions include *"Character in the Midst of Crisis: The Abbotsford Senior Story"* by Rob Comeau, Principal of Abbotsford Senior School, and one of Canada's Outstanding Principals.

[Tickets](#)

[Website](#)

BC Teachers' Council – Professional Standards for BC Educators

The BCTC has an update on their new Professional Standards for BC Educators: the BCTC has collaborated with the Ministry of Education, Corporate Communications Team to graphically design a version of the new Professional Standards document, along with a poster and handout. You can find the print-ready documents at these links:

[Professional Standards for BC Educators](#)

[Professional Standards Poster](#)

[Professional Standards Handout](#)

UFV CE Psychological First Aid Course

This course is for those who require in-depth knowledge and techniques to recognize and assist people in crisis after experiencing loss, grief, trauma, and stress, with an emphasis on self-care and personal protection.

ABBOTSFORD — CLEARBROOK CENTRE

Saturday Oct 5 8:30 am-4 pm or Saturday Nov 30 8:30 am-4 pm

Find the description and resources on [BetterEducate](#)

UFV offers team training opportunities – [find out more](#)

Heart-Mind 2019 Conference: "The Art and Science of Calm"

Friday October 25 (provincial Pro-D day)

8:30am-4:30pm

The Dalai Lama Center for Peace + Education hosts the Heart-Mind 2019 Conference: "The Art and Science of Calm", featuring the latest science and practice related to cultivating calm and balance in our lives – at home, school and in our community. In this one-day experiential conference, we will explore evidence informed ways to support children and youth in a fast-paced world, and share practical strategies that fit into our daily routines to reduce stress and promote well-being.

Keynote presenters include Marc Brackett, Carl Honoré, Susan Kaiser-Greenland, Kimberly Schonert-Reichl, Lorna Williams, and Scott Sampson, with Maria LeRose as Conference Moderator.

[Tickets and information](#)

BCRPVPA Scholarships: Deadline Approaching!

The BC Retired PVPA annually awards up to five \$1000 scholarships to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and who will proceed to an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada. Students can apply to BC Retired PVPA Scholarships even if they have applied for a scholarship with the BCPVPA. Completed applications must be postmarked by September 30.

[Find out more](#)

BCRPVPA Membership Opportunities

The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off – Abe Lemons

Are you or a colleague thinking of retirement soon? Please check the BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association [website](#) for benefits offered to retired members, such as affinity, health & travel insurance, prestige coverage, pensions & other topics of interest, and you will also find a mail-in application form on the site. The BCRPVPA looks forward to hearing from you if retirement is in your near future!

[Contact us](#)

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NEW

SD 62, Sooke

Principal, Royal Bay Secondary School

Closing date is October 3, 2019

bit.ly/2kcwCuG

James Cameron Elementary School, Maple Ridge

Operated by the Fraser Valley Society for Children with Learning Disabilities

Principal

Posted until filled

[Find out more](#)

SD 41, Burnaby

Elementary Principal

Closing date is September 16, 2019

bit.ly/2ZohQzr

SD 41, Burnaby

Secondary Principal

Closing date is September 16, 2019

bit.ly/2zfgUCZ

SD 41, Burnaby

Secondary Vice-Principal

Closing date is September 16, 2019

bit.ly/2Nol03X

SD 41, Burnaby

Elementary Vice-Principal

Closing date is September 16, 2019

bit.ly/2ZjJ4w9

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The Deputy Minister's Bulletin

[Read the Deputy Minister's Bulletin for the week of September 9, 2019](#)

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