

**Issue #9**

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### *President's Column*

Congratulations are due to the DTA Public Education Advocacy Committee which did a great job during the Provincial Election campaign of raising education as a vote defining issue. As Chair of this committee, Pat Truelove organized several activities that were designed to get our education message out to Delta voters. A number of newspaper advertisements that featured statistics about Delta classrooms were placed in the local newspapers. The PEAC committee, on behalf of the DTA, in partnership with the Delta District Parents' Advisory Council and CUPE local 1091, also organized two successful all candidates meetings in each of the two Delta ridings. All of the candidates running in Delta attended both all candidates' meetings which was not the case elsewhere. A questionnaire was sent to each of the candidates for completion and distribution to teachers living in Delta. Finally, some hardy teachers from Holly Elementary and Brooke Elementary Schools braved pouring rain and hail to join Pat Truelove on Nordel Way and me on the overpass at Highways 10 and 17 on election day to wave Burma shave signs to oncoming traffic. The message was simple: VOTE TODAY THINK EDUCATION. My thanks to each teacher who helped promote education as a vote determining issue in their own way.

For the first time since I started regularly attending school board meetings almost eleven years ago, the Delta Board of Education on May 5, 2009 publicly stated that it did not receive enough money from the provincial government to fund Delta schools. For years the silence has been deafening as school trustees, through the BC School Trustees Association, were compliant in making cuts to district programs while the government washed its hands of the dirty work trustees were forced to do.

Staff at both Delta Manor and Boundary Beach Elementary Schools are reeling with the news of their

schools being closed. Each teacher is faced with the question of "Where will I find a new school home?" Since the collective agreement has no language that deals specifically with school closures, the DTA has negotiated priority assignment of Delta Manor teachers in the three schools their students will be attending: Hawthorne, Ladner and Holly. Teachers at Boundary Beach have internal rights at South Park Elementary School. Further details will be provided to Staff Reps at the meeting this month. This agreement will provide a template should the Board embark on school closures in the future.

With the re-election of the Liberal government, those of us in the public education system can expect more of the same – underfunding and downloading of costs on school boards. Now, more than ever, it is essential for the education partner groups to work together to advocate for increased funding. It's About Time!

#### ***2009 - 2010 DTA Executive Committee Elected May 5, 2009***

President/LR	Paul Steer
1st VP/Bargaining Chair	Simon Isbister
2nd VP/Grievance Support	Richard Kirincic
Treasurer	Susan Yao
Executive Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Local Reps	Richard Kirincic Pat Truelove
Alternate Rep	Jeanie McKay
Members at Large	Annie Coblin Angelika Hedley
TTOC Rep	Marianne D'Souza
Adult Ed Rep	Susan Yao

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Professional Development	Jacque Schierer
Public Education Advocacy	<i>Vacant</i>
Health & Safety	Greg Stafford
Social Justice	Janice Falk

## *DTA Retirement Reception*

*Monday, June 8, 2009*

*4:00 - 5:15 pm*

*Delta Town & Country Inn*

All district employees are invited to attend this reception to honour our retiring colleagues.

A dinner for retirees, their guests and all DTA committee members will follow.



## *Teachers Teaching on Call Wine and Cheese Social*

*Thursday, June 4th ~ 3:30 - 5:30 pm*  
DTA Office (210 - 5000 Bridge St., Ladner)

The Wine and Cheese Social is for Teachers on Call to mix and mingle with fellow teaching colleagues, to share their concerns with the DTA and to provide suggestions to the DTA about future TOC meeting topics. The PD Chair will attend to answer your PD related questions.

*Please RSVP to the DTA Office*  
(604-946-0391 or [deltateachers@telus.net](mailto:deltateachers@telus.net))

## **DTA GOLF Tournament**

**Friday, June 5**

**Cove Links Golf Course ~ \$35.00**

This is a fun event! Format is "best ball". There are lots of prizes to be won.

**Register your team with the DTA office by May 22.** Talk to your Staff Rep or call 604-946-0391 for more details.

If any member has a contact for prizes please let Richard Kirincic know at [rkirincic@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:rkirincic@deltasd.bc.ca).

## **"TAD" BOYES SCHOLARSHIP**

Application forms for the "Tad" Boyes Scholarship are available from the DTA office or can be downloaded from the DTA website ([www.deltateachers.org](http://www.deltateachers.org).) Applicants must be the son or daughter of a Delta teacher and graduating from a public school in BC. The scholarship is \$750.00 and the criteria is based on academic excellence. **DEADLINE IS JUNE 19.**

### **School District No. 37 Delta Teachers' Salary Grid July 1, 2009**

Step	Prov Cat 5+			TQS 6
	Cat 4	Cat 5	Cat 6	Cat 6+
0	\$ 41,963	\$ 45,009	\$ 48,331	\$ 49,498
1	\$ 43,993	\$ 47,585	\$ 51,106	\$ 52,305
2	\$ 46,023	\$ 50,162	\$ 53,881	\$ 55,111
3	\$ 48,053	\$ 52,738	\$ 56,656	\$ 57,918
4	\$ 50,083	\$ 55,314	\$ 59,431	\$ 60,725
5	\$ 52,113	\$ 57,891	\$ 62,206	\$ 63,531
6	\$ 54,143	\$ 60,467	\$ 64,981	\$ 66,338
7	\$ 56,173	\$ 63,043	\$ 67,756	\$ 69,144
8	\$ 58,203	\$ 65,619	\$ 70,531	\$ 71,951
9	\$ 60,233	\$ 68,196	\$ 73,306	\$ 74,757
10	\$ 64,131	\$ 72,895	\$ 78,072	\$ 79,891