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President's Column

April 10th Rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery

At Monday's DTA Staff Rep Assembly, BCTF President Susan Lambert encouraged Delta teachers to turn out in force on April 10th to attend the Rally at the Gallery sponsored by the Coalition to Build a Better British Columbia (CBBBC). The DTA is encouraging every public school teacher in Delta, their families, and their friends to meet at the North steps of the Vancouver Art Gallery on Saturday, April 10th at 12:00 noon to hear speeches and to make a stand in favour of increased funding of public services of all kinds – not just public education.

Staff Reps will be asking teachers to join us on Saturday April 10th, to send a clear message to government that there are significant numbers of British Columbians who believe that cuts similar to those faced by Delta teachers over the past 10 years are incredibly short-sighted and harmful to the society we wish build here in British Columbia.

The DTA, with the assistance of the BCTF, will be providing bus transportation on the morning of April 10th, leaving from Delta Secondary School in Ladner, and North Delta Secondary School in North Delta. Speak to your Staff Rep to reserve your spot on a bus!

DTA Budget Recommendations

On March 2, the Delta Board of Trustees met, and heard presentations on their upcoming budget decisions. On behalf of the DTA, I made the following 14 recommendations, that...

- 1) ... the Delta Board of Education submit a 'needs' budget in addition to their 'balanced' budget to the provincial government.
- 2) ... the Board lobby government to oppose further cuts to educational programs.
- 3) ... the Board reject Ministry mandates that arrive without stable funding, appropriate in-service training, and other support.
- 4) ...the Board call upon government to discontinue the Foundation Skills Assessment.
- 5) ... in the absence of increased and adequate funding, the Board initiate no changes to the configuration of schools or the school calendar.

- 6) ... the Board continue to provide support to new teachers through the Mentorship Program and expand the program.
- 7) ... the Board discontinue the practice of not replacing ESL and Learning Assistance teachers on the first day of an absence for any reason.
- 8) ... the Board restore previously cut funding to teachers' Professional Development.
- 9) ... the Board restore previously cut Department Headships, Coordinator's positions and other Positions of Special Responsibility.
- 10) ... the Board restore previously cut funding for Teacher Librarians and School Libraries/Resource Centres.
- 11) ...the Board lobby government for the provision of adequate funding for the services of Education Psychologists.
- 12) ...the Board ensure that additional time be provided to teachers within the 'bookends' of the instructional day for planning related to IEP's, AIP's and other specialized services.
- 13) ... the Board discontinue the current practice of not replacing Education Assistants on the first day of an E.A.'s absence for any reason.
- 14) ... the Delta School District join with the BCTF in paying 50% of the cost of the new Living With Balance wellness program.

The Board's final budget Recommendations will made April 16th; public responses will be heard on the 20th; final approval of the Board's 2010-2011 budget will debated at the Board meeting on April 27th.

DTA Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

4:00 pm

Seaquam Secondary Multi-Purpose Room

This is the first call for nominations. Please contact the DTA office if you are interested in running for an executive or committee position.

Daycare upon Request

2010-2011 BCTF EXECUTIVE

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| President: | Susan Lambert |
| Past President: | Irene Lanzinger |
| 1st Vice-President: | Jim Iker |
| 2nd Vice-President: | Glen Hansman |
| Members at Large: | Rick Guenther David Komljenovic Jill McCaffery Denise Moffat Teri Mooring Christine Stewart Kip Wood |

TTOC Workshop & Meeting

The next TTOC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 5** at the Delta Manor Education Centre in Ladner. The workshop *EI Seminar* has been booked. This seminar will help TTOCs understand the steps to follow in applying for, and obtaining, EI Benefits.

RSVP to Debbie at the DTA (604-946-0391 or debbie-dta@telus.net) by April 28

Refreshments will be available.

Cleaning Classroom Furniture

The November 18-19, 2009 BCTF Executive Committee passed the following motion regarding teachers cleaning classroom furniture:

That if teachers are requested to, and/or provided with materials to, clean classroom furniture, they should refuse and local presidents should contact the president of the support staff union with information.

"TAD" BOYES SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must be the son or daughter of a Delta teacher and graduating from a public school in BC. The scholarship is \$750 and the criteria is based on academic excellence.

Application forms for the "Tad" Boyes Scholarship are available from the DTA office or can be downloaded from the DTA website at www.deltateachers.org

Deadline is June 30, 2010

10th Annual Delta School District

Powwow

Delview Secondary

9111 - 116th Street, North Delta



Friday, April 23: 6:30 - 10:00 pm
Saturday, April 24: 12:00 - 10:00 pm
Sunday, April 25: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Highlights: Silent auction, raffles, Great selection of Aboriginal craft sales, Great food and Bannock!!!

RETIREMENT

Thinking of retiring? Once you have made your decision to retire, please inform Human Resources at the Board Office and submit your paper work. This information will be helpful for the spring staffing process.

CONDOLENCES

The DTA wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Andrea Vaudin**, who passed away on March 8, 2010. Andrea was employed as a Speech and Language Pathologist in the District. A celebration of life will be held in August.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Annual DTA Golf Tournament

Friday, June 4, 2010

Cove Links Golf Course

More Information to come.

