



Professional Development News

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Many Thanks to the DTA PD Committee of 2022-2023!

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Welcome our new members for 2022-2023

Tanja Cvekic—EB

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A Note from the PD Chair...

Looks like we made it! With less than a month left we can start dreaming of our summer recovery. And as we wind down, many of our colleagues are preparing for a summer of coursework. We wish you well in your studies, and hope you have a fabulous summer. Not all BCTF Locals provide separate PD funding for credit course work, so we are fortunate (and really pleased) that the DTA continues to believe in financially supporting your lifelong learning. Look for a cool evening of celebrating your learning, and sharing your scholarly findings in the fall.

Money??? Please remember that there is a June 30th deadline to submit your PD receipts and proof of completion to the DTA for reimbursement. If you also had admin approval for part of the funding, you'll need to approach your accounts secretary to get reimbursement for school-based funds.

Your site PD Committee is likely already planning for an August PD Day, so if you want a fabulous and meaningful experience, make sure to offer your help and your ideas to create a day of powerful learning and motivation as you begin your year.

As we head into summer, we extend our thanks and deepest appreciation to departing PD Committee members Luana Foulkes and Past-President Fiona Higgs. They have put many hours into supporting DTA members, discussing policy, and adjudicating appeals. Without elected committee members, members who volunteer their time for their colleagues, we can not do the work of the union. It is deeply appreciated. We wish you all the best.

Respectfully,
Jeanie McKay, DTA PD Chair



How are DTA PD funding policies applied to "Regular PD," "Personal PD," "Inservice," and Credit Courses?

What's the difference?

PD funds are approved based on DTA Constitutional Language and policies, and/or contract language.

Regular PD: consists of traditional conferences and/or workshops put on by specialist associations or organizations that have offerings of particular use to you for your own professional growth. Each teacher can choose to apply for funding up to \$650 for the 2023-24 school year for this kind of PD, an amount that will likely cover one PD Release day for a TTOC, and most of your Conference fee. You would use the DTA "Regular PD" form for this kind of PD.

School based PD: PD Committees often run regular PD days at their own school, but these are not paid for by the DTA PD fund. Costs for those days are paid for by the site admin. Alternately, BCTF members may apply to the BCTF for a wide range of useful PD Workshops to be brought to your site at no cost to teachers. You can find those Professional and Social Issues workshops on the bctf website. Note that all PSI workshops must be booked through the BCTF Professional and Social Issues Division (PSID) and *must be made at least three weeks* prior to the date of training. Contact the BCTF Professional and Social Issues Department (PSID), Ashley Gurat at agurat@bctf.ca or 604-871-1857/1-800-663-9163, local 1857, to book Professional and Social Issues (PSI) workshops.

Personal PD: aka Self-Directed PD, is PD that you design for yourself based on your professional needs. Refer to the BCTF PD Lens to help guide your planning. The DTA PD Committee has allocated one TTOC day for up to 30 teachers to help facilitate this kind of peer based learning. Traditionally, teachers would consider what area(s) they feel that they could benefit from peer assistance and then work out a plan of action with a colleague with strong skills in that area. The teachers would then apply for one TTOC day each, with the learner visiting the mentor teacher's class for a day to watch and participate, and the mentor then visiting the learner's classroom to work together to implement those learnings. This funding line is underused each year, so consider applying in September or October to access these funds and start your school year working with a colleague.

Inservice: is the colloquial term for training that is necessary for you to perform your job because of educational change, curriculum implementation, or new technology required by the District or the Ministry. Our contract specifically states that, the fund "will not be required to finance educational change or curriculum implementation in the district." This, for example, would include learning a new report card program, learning about new government mandated curriculum, or learning new District expectations for your courses or classroom. Our DTA PD fund is not mandated to pay for inservice, so if you need that kind of training, you will need to ask your administrator for funding to support your learning. You do not apply to the DTA for those kinds of training.

<https://www.deltateachers.org/pd-information-and-application-forms/>



Important Info to Note:

Most common oversights when applying for funding:

-Your signature is missing on the X indicating you have completed the checklist on page 2.

-Principal or VP has not completed and signed the District/School Funding section of form.

Applications must be received by the DTA 14 days in advance of the PD event. One exception is credit course funding applications which must be received up to the day before the course begins. Applications cannot be backdated.



Have you attended a course or conference and not received your reimbursement?

Please send in your receipts to the DTA office asap, deadline is June 30, 2023

PD Opportunities



EARLY BIRD PRICING AND BENEFITS UNTIL SEPT. 30

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20 OCTOBER

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OVER 70 IN-PERSON AND 60 ONLINE WORKSHOPS

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REGISTRATION CLOSING WHEN SOLD OUT OR AT NOON ON OCTOBER 15 FOR IN-PERSON AND ON OCTOBER 20 FOR ONLINE.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE LEAGUE: TEACHER-LIBRARIANS' EDITION!

Join us for the BCTLA's annual fall conference:
Date: October 20, 2023
Location: TBA (Lower Mainland)

Keynote

BRYAN BONE
MISS GINA TONIC

<https://www.bryanbone.ca>

Find more information & submit a session proposal at www.bctlaconference.ca



How do I apply for funding?

How do I apply for regular Pro-D funding?

- **FIRST** Go to the DTA website (PD tab) for the most current applications, print the application and submit along with the conference/workshop information. Applications will not be approved without the corresponding conference information.

What conference information is required for approval?

- The information must be the official documents from the website etc. and must include a description of the workshop, the cost, date, and location.

If my conference is outside of Metro Vancouver am I able to apply for reimbursement for my travel and accommodation? This funding is available for travel within Canada.

- You need to complete the form 5020TA (Travel and Accommodation Form)
- Include all the costs associated with your conference, making sure to account for applicable taxes (don't forget hotel taxes and fees etc.)
- If you are sharing costs with another individual, or individuals, attending the same event you will all include the costs (divided by number of people sharing) on your form and transpose that figure onto your application.

How do I apply for credit courses?

- You will complete form 5020CC (found on the DTA website) and submit along with the course information.

What information do you need for the credit course application?

- The official documents from the university that includes a brief course description, the course number, start and end date of course, and the course cost breakdown (we only pay for tuition costs and not the associated fees).



More Things to Note...

Plan Ahead for Fall 2023

Many PD conferences occur in the fall, especially on and around the fall “PSA Day” which will be on Oct 20, 2023. PSA day applications are acceptable up until 4pm the day before that day; other regular PD applications are due 14 days before the event; this deadline is strictly adhered to so be sure to plan ahead!

Consider Being Your School’s PD Contact

The PD contact has a small but important role in our funding process.

What does the PD Contact do? The PD contact reviews and signs the applications for DTA PD funding. The PD contact can help teachers with the correct application procedures, including checking that they have included all pertinent information.

The PD contact does NOT - approve applications or send forms into the DTA office ...that’s your job. :)

Do I have to attend meetings? – there are no meetings to attend

Is training available? – a PD contact training workshop (with release time) is offered, usually close to the beginning of the school year

What if I don’t know the answers to a teacher’s questions? You can direct the teacher to contact Brianna at the DTA office brianna@deltateachers.org

Looking for PD Opportunities?

Check university websites for their online offerings. There are some amazing courses at Thompson Rivers University, Queens, UBC etc. You can also check the BCTF website.

What is the DTA PD Fund?

The PD Fund does not come from our dues but is a result of past collectively bargained language. Article F.23:2 of the provincial collective agreement provides the DTA PD Committee with funds to administer for the professional development of teachers. The amount is calculated based on the number of FTE teachers employed in the district, plus TTOCs, multiplied by half the TTOC daily rate. The PD fund has allocations for individual “regular” PD i.e. conferences and workshops, credit courses, and self-directed PD, and is governed by policies determined by the PD Committee and outlined on our documents and on the DTA website. This fund is not for professional resources such as videos or workbooks. Teachers apply for funding and are granted funding according to current policies. The fund is limited, therefore there is a possibility that funds could run out for a given year. This is why we encourage you to apply early in the school year, even if your PD isn’t until later in the year. Surplus funds are carried over into the next year.

The DTA-managed PD fund, by contract, “Will not be required to finance educational change or curriculum implementation in the district.”

