

MINUTES OF THE BC TEACHERS' COUNCIL



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FEBRUARY 11, 2021

ATTENDANCE

BCTC:	Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Ralf St. Clair, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers, Jo-Anne Chrona	
Regrets:	Marjorie Dumont, Tom Longridge	
Guests:	Shannon Wagner, University of Northern British Columbia Jean-Paul Restoule, University of Victoria	
Staff:	Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff	
Public:	Christine Stewart Sarah Shakespeare Susan O'Neil Jason Corday Tricia Stobbe Allyson Fleming John O'Flynn Elizabeth Moore Shelley Balfour Mike Skinner	BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) Simon Fraser University (SFU) BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA) Christian Educators of British Columbia Vancouver Island University (VIU) Catholic Independent Schools Independent Schools Assoc. of BC (ISABC) BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) School District 91

The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- **Acknowledgement with gratitude of the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province, Traditional Keepers of this Land.**

The Chair acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.

- **Moose Hide Campaign Day 2021**

The Chair welcomed all attendees and acknowledged that today, February 11, is Moose Hide Campaign Day 2021. The Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who are standing up against violence towards women and children.

- **Black History Month in Canada**

The Chair acknowledged that February is Black History Month. Black History Month is an annual celebration of the many achievements and contributions of historical and contemporary people of African descent. This year's theme of the Black History Month is *The Future is Now*.

- **Approval of Agenda**

HALL/COOKE

Motion: That the agenda for February 11, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

- **Opening Question**

Chair informed the BCTC that Frank Dunham, EDUC staff member, has prepared an opening question for the attendees:

As we think ahead about getting back to normal, name one thing you've decided not to rush back to and why?

2. BUSINESS AND REPORTING OUT

- **Correspondence**

The Chair informed the BCTC that there was a lot of correspondence received since the October meeting. Correspondence to be discussed under specific agenda items later in the agenda.

- **Chair's Report Out**

- **BCTC Meeting Mode**

The Chair informed the BCTC that, due to the COVID-related restrictions, the BCTC full council and committees will continue to meet virtually via Zoom Video Conference. The Council will continue to monitor the COVID situation and will address future meeting mode accordingly.

- **BCTC Annual Report 2019/20**

The Chair informed the BCTC that the 2019/20 BCTC Annual Report is in the final design stage and will be submitted to the Minister of Education by the end of February 2021.

KEDVES/HALL

Motion: That the BCTC Annual Report 2019/20 be approved.

CARRIED

- **BCTC Election 2021**

The Chair introduced the Director of Professional Excellence, Shawn McMullin, who provided an overview of the BCTC Election 2021.

- **BCTC Turnover and Transition**

The Chair deferred to the Director of Professional Excellence, Shawn McMullin, who provided an overview of the coming turnover and transition period for the BCTC moving into the 2021/22 BCTC year.

- **BCTC Meeting Dates Spring 2021**

The Chair informed the BCTC members that they need to provide their preference regarding the spring BCTC meeting dates. The spring meeting dates will be voted on and determined via

a Zoom poll option during the February 19 meeting. Several date options were proposed for consideration.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Several members of the public introduced themselves and thanked the BCTC for allowing them to join the meeting.

4. REVIEW OF BCTC WORKPLAN 2020/21

The Chair reminded the BCTC the 2020/21 workplan was developed at the June 2020 meeting and asked the BCTC to review the workplan.

2020-2021 goals:	Status
Goal 1: Communication, amplification and promotion of Professional Standards with particular attention to Standard 9 and concerns of racism in society.	Ongoing
Goal 2: Review and revision of the Certification Standards.	Ongoing
Goal 3: Review and revision of the Teacher Education Program Approval Standards.	Ongoing
Goal 4: Development of a New Teacher Survey with a focus on teacher professional identity.	Ongoing
Goal 5: Explore Blended Learning programs to deepen understanding of modes and purposes.	Ongoing

5. BCTC MEETING RULES

The Chair informed the BCTC that issues have been identified regarding the Committee/Working Group section of the BCTC meeting rules. The Chair also suggested that some of the meeting rules' language required updating due to the recent organizational changes within the Ministry of Education.

- **Update Language**

BROADY/CHRONA

Motion: That the language of the BCTC meeting rules be updated to accurately reflect organizational changes within the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

- **Working Groups/Committees – Terms of Appointment**

HALL/DEMERS

Motion: That the BCTC meeting rules pertaining to committees be amended so that they are more in alignment with terms of reference of each of the committees.

CARRIED

FRASER/ST. CLAIR

Motion: That the BCTC meeting rules pertaining to working groups be amended so that they are more in alignment with terms of reference of each of the working groups.

CARRIED

6. TEP APPROVAL AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (TEPARC)

TEPARC members, Alice Kedves and Janine Fraser, provided an overview the TEPARC work since the October 2020 meeting.

- **Cyclical Reviews 2020/2021**
- **TEP Field Experience Update**

DIXON/ST. CLAIR

Motion: That BCTC and its education partners continue encouraging school districts to host teacher candidates.

CARRIED

- **TEPAR Framework Support Materials**

BERTING/KEDVES

Motion: That the BCTC TEP Approval and Review Framework Implementation Guide and the BCTC Program Assessment Team Orientation Guide be authorized for use.

CARRIED

- **Changes to Existing Programs**

CHRONA/DIXON

Motion: To move into private.

CARRIED

FRASER

Motion: To move out of private

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

BIR/HALL

Motion: That the meeting of February 11, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 11:55 AM

FEBRUARY 12, 2021

ATTENDANCE

BCTC:	Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo-Anne Chrona, Ralf St. Clair, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers	
Regrets:	Tom Longridge	
Guests:	N/A	
Staff:	Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff, Andrew Crawford	
Public:	Christine Stewart	BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF)
	Jason Corday	BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA)
	Sarah Shakespeare	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
	Mike Skinner	School District 91
	Tricia Stobbe	Christian Educators of BC
	Lisa Kishkan	BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF)
	Allyson Fleming	Vancouver Island University (VIU)

The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- **Acknowledgement with gratitude of the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.**

BCTC member, John Hall, acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.

- **Lunar New Year**

The Chair marked the observance of February 12, the first day of the Lunar New Year.

- **Approval of Agenda**

COOKE/CHRONA

Motion: That the agenda for February 12, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

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- **Opening Question**

Chair informed the BCTC that Frank Dunham, EDUC staff member, has prepared an opening question for the attendees:

As we think ahead about getting back to normal, name one thing you've decided not to rush back to and why?

- **Deferred Items from February 11**

- TEPARC Recommendations - Changes to Existing Programs

FRASER/KEDVES

Motion: That the proposed UNBC Regional B.Ed. program be approved.

CARRIED

DIXON/CHRONA

Motion: That the proposed UVic Post-Degree Program – Indigenous Education program be approved.

CARRIED

- **BCTC Events Calendar 2020/21**

The BCTC reviewed the BCTC Event Calendar for 2020/21.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Tricia Stobbe asked that the BCTC meeting dates be shared on the website. EDUC staff member responded by explaining meeting dates could be found in the previous meetings minutes.

3. PROFESSIONAL AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS STEERING COMMITTEE (PCSSC)

PCSSC members Adrienne Demers and Jim Iker provided an overview of the PCSSC work since the October 2020 meeting.

- **Professional Standards Outreach – Promotion and Awareness**

HALL/ST.CLAIR

Motion: That BCTC refer the matter of the Professional Standards learning to PSCCS.

CARRIED

BIR/HALL

Motion: That BCTC request Ministry of Education funding to provide the opportunity for the BCTC to engage in collective professional learning on the topic of diversity and inclusion through a half-day training session.

CARRIED

- **Certification Standards Review**

- Familiarization
- Currency of Teaching Practice

DEMERS/ST.CLAIR

Motion: That Currency of Practice be eliminated from the Certification Standards.

CARRIED

Rationale for the motion:

- BC will align with other Canadian jurisdictions, the majority of which have no currency requirements.
- Any requirements for recent teaching experience are HR/labour management issue and the responsibility of the employer. Employers have an important obligation to continue to incorporate this criterion within their HR policies.
- Individual educators, as professionals, are expected to remain up to date in their practice and ensure that they uphold the Professional Standards for BC Educators.
 - Language Proficiency
 - First Nation Language Authority Application/Request

KEDVES/BROADY

Motion: That the Ulkatcho Language Authority be added to the list of approved First Nations Language Authorities in the Certification Standards.

CARRIED

4. TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP (TEPWG)

The Chair provided an overview of the TEPWG work since the October 2020 meeting.

Ralf St. Clair, an ABCDE representative and a BCTC member, presented a ABCDE proposal regarding virtual practicum supervision option in light of ongoing COVID-19. The BCTC decided to refer the matter back to the TEPWG for further discussion and consideration.

5. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

COOKE/FRASER

Motion: That the meeting minutes for February 11 and February 12, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

DUMONT/DIXON

Motion: That the meeting of February 12, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 12:00 PM

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

ATTENDANCE

BCTC:	Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo-Anne Chrona, Ralf St. Clair, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers	
Regrets:	Tom Longridge	
Guests:	Howard Kushner, Commissioner for Teacher Regulation Janice St. Helene, Simon Fraser University James Nahachewsky, University of Victoria	
Staff:	Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff	
Public:	Christine Stewart	BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF)
	Sarah Shakespeare	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
	Mike Skinner	School District 91
	Gayle Brase	Vancouver Island University (VIU)
	Allyson Fleming	Vancouver Island University (VIU)

The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- **Acknowledgement with gratitude of the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province**
BCTC member, Jay Dixon, acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.
- **Black History Month in Canada**
The Chair recognized Oscar Peterson, a world-renowned jazz pianist and composer and one of the most honoured Canadian musicians.
- **Approval of Agenda**

CHRONA/ST.CLAIR

Motion: That the agenda for February 18, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

• **Opening Question**

Chair informed the BCTC that Frank Dunham, EDUC staff member, has prepared an opening question for the attendees:

As we think ahead about getting back to normal, name one thing you've decided not to rush back to and why?

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Christine Stewart shared about the upcoming BCTF New Teachers Conference 2021 on February 26.

3. TEP APPROVAL AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (TEPARC) – CONT'D

TEPARC member John Hall provided an overview of the TEPARC work since the October 2020 meeting. James Nahachewsky, Associate Dean from the University of Victoria, Janice St. Helene, Associate Director of Pre-Service Professional Studies at Simon Fraser University, and Jatinder Bir from BCTC were invited by the Chair to speak further. Regrets from Rebecca Atleo, Director of Education from the Ahousaht Education Authority.

- **University of Victoria Maintenance Review 2020**

KEDVES/BROADY

Motion: To move into private.

CARRIED

DUMONT

Motion: To move out of private.

CARRIED

*The BCTC decided to continue their in-private discussion the following day.

4. DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR TEACHER REGULATION

The Chair welcomed the Commissioner for Teacher Regulation, Howard Kushner.

The Commissioner spoke about conduct trends reported in the 2019/20 Commissioner for Teacher Regulation Annual Report, as well as the current operations of the Professional Conduct Unit.

The Commissioner and the BCTC engaged in a dialogue regarding to where complaints come from, and who the Commissioners office has jurisdiction to investigate.

5. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

- **K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Table**

Marjorie Dumont informed the BCTC that new meeting dates are being considered.

- **Teacher Education Roundtable 2021**

Ralf St. Clair provided an update on the upcoming Teacher Education Roundtable 2021 that will be virtually hosted by the University of Victoria on April 30, 2021.

6. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

FRASER/CHRONA

Motion: That the meeting minutes for February 18, 2021 be adopted.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

HALL/DUMON

Motion: That the meeting of February 18, 2021 be adjourned.

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COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 12:05 PM

FEBRUARY 19, 2021

ATTENDANCE

BCTC:	Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo-Anne Chrona, Ralf St. Clair, John Hall, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers	
Absent:	Carolyn Broady, Tom Longridge	
Guests:	Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education Nicole Gardner, Director of Outreach, Analytics and Reporting, Education Analytics Office	
Staff:	Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff, Sally Mercer, Keefer Pelech	
Public:	Christine Stewart	BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF)
	Sarah Shakespeare	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
	Jason Corday	BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA)
	Mike Skinner	School District 91
	John O'Flynn	Catholic Independent Schools
	Allyson Fleming	Vancouver Island University (VIU)

The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- **Acknowledgement with gratitude of the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.**

BCTC member, Adrienne Demers, acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.

- **Black History Month in Canada**

The Chair recognized Rosemary Brown, a Canadian politician, feminist, writer, and educator who has contributed much to B.C. and Canada, including being the first black woman elected to a Canadian Provincial Legislature (B.C.).

The Chair also recognized Emery Barnes, a Canadian professional football player, social worker, and politician who was particularly concerned with issues relating to social justice, human rights, and poverty.

Emery Barnes and Rosemary Brown were the first black politicians elected to a legislative office in British Columbia in the 20th century.

- **Approval of Agenda**

HALL/DUMONT

Motion: That the agenda for February 19, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

- **BCTC Administrative Law Training**

ST. CLAIR/HALL

Motion: That, given the upcoming turnover among BCTC members and the increased involvement of the BCTC in statutory decision making (in particular regarding BC TEPs), the BCTC requests external legal counsel, Jaia Rai, provide training on administrative law principles for all BCTC members through a half-day workshop to include current as well as new members to council.

CARRIED

- **Spring Meeting Dates Poll and Decision**

Voted via Zoom poll, the dates of June 3-4 and June 8-9, 2021 were chosen as the BCTC Spring meeting dates.

- **Opening Question**

Chair informed the BCTC that Frank Dunham, EDUC staff member, has prepared an opening question for the attendees:

As we think ahead about getting back to normal, name one thing you've decided not to rush back to and why?

2. DIALOGUE WITH HONOURABLE JENNIFER WHITESIDE, MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Minister Whiteside provided an update on the Ministry mandate going forward and spoke about her path to becoming the Minister of Education. The Minister also acknowledged that the Ministry will be addressing education gaps.

The BCTC members introduced themselves to the Minister and engaged in a dialogue on the following issues:

- Inclusion of childcare in the Ministry mandate
- Equity issues and learning resources to support new BC curriculum
- Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) inequity concerns
- Teacher mental health amid COVID-19
- Supporting the mentorship of student teachers
- Strengthening Professional Development
- COVID-related health and safety protocols in schools (masks, ventilation)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were made from the public.

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4. NEW TEACHER SURVEY WORKING GROUP (NTSWG)

BCTC Members, Jo Chrona and Ralf St. Clair, provided an overview of the NTSWG work since the October 2020 meeting. Nicole Gardner, Director of Outreach, Analytics and Reporting in the Education Analytics Office, and external member to NTSWG, was invited to speak further. Regrets from Edward Kroc, Assistant Professor with Curriculum and Pedagogy at UBC.

- **Inclusion of External Members**
- **Correspondence and Connection with CUREE UK**
- **Draft Outline for 2021 Survey**

COLISTRO/ST.CLAIR

Motion: That the New Teacher Survey 2021 Workplan be approved in principle.

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CARRIED

ST. CLAIR/CHRONA

Motion: That the Draft Outline for New Teacher Survey 2021 be approved in principle.

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CARRIED

COOKE/HALL

Motion: To extend adjournment to 12:30 PM.

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CARRIED

5. TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE (TEPASC)

BCTC Member, Matthew Cooke, provided an overview of the TEPASC work since the October 2020 meeting.

- **TEP Approval Standards Consultation Phases 3 and 4**
- **Proposed BCTC TEPAS Workshop**

HALL/BERTING

Motion: That a 3-hour workshop for the sole purpose of engaging in a thorough review of the Draft TEP Approval Standards Version 9 be approved.

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CARRIED

Rationale for the motion:

- The Committee believes that it would be advantageous for BCTC to approve, in principle, a set of revised TEP Approval Standards prior to the dissolution of the current Council. Feedback provided to TEPASC in a March workshop could be integrated in time for a special meeting of BCTC in April.

- Voted via Zoom poll, the date of March 4, 2021 was chosen as the BCTC workshop date.
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6. TEP APPROVAL AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (TEPARC) – CONT'D

- **University of Victoria Maintenance Review 2020**

ST. CLAIR/KEDVES

Motion: To move into private.

CARRIED

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HALL

Motion: That, upon review of the PAT report for the University of Victoria Maintenance Review (November 18-19, 2020), the BCTC confirms that the Teacher Education Program at UVic continues to meet the TEP Approval Standards.

CARRIED

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FRASER

Motion: To move out of private.

CARRIED

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7. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The Chair advised that the draft minutes for February 19, 2021 meeting will be circulated post-meeting to the BCTC members for review and to the Chair and Vice-Chair for approval.

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8. ADJOURNMENT

BIR/DUMONT

Motion: That the meeting of February 19, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

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COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 12:45PM



Jim Iker, Chair



Shawn McMullin, Director of Professional Excellence



Sameena Sheriff, Recording Secretary