
MINUTES OF THE BC TEACHERS' COUNCIL



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OCTOBER 6, 2020

ATTENDANCE

- BCTC:** Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Tom Longridge, Ralf St. Clair, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers
- Regrets:** Jo-Anne Chrona
- Guests:** Howard Kushner Commissioner for Teacher Regulation
- Staff:** Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff
- Public:**

Christine Stewart	BC Teachers' Federation
Tricia Stobbe	Christian Educators of British Columbia
David Dunkin	School District 48 (Sea to Sky)
Edward Howe	Thompson Rivers University
Marianne McTavish	University of British Columbia

The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

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

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

The Chair acknowledged the recent observance of Orange Shirt Day (September 30, 2020) and the National Day of Awareness (NDA) for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada (October 4, 2020), as well as the impact that the residential school system has had on Indigenous communities.

The Chair also recognized the observance of World Teachers Day (October 5, 2020).

- **Approval of Agenda**

LONGRIDGE/COOKE

Motion: That the agenda for October 6, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

- **Opening Question**

Chair informed the BCTC that Ralf St. Clair has prepared an opening question for the attendees: *Please indicate your all-time favorite film or TV educator, and why?*

2. BUSINESS AND REPORTING OUT

- **Correspondence**

The Chair informed the BCTC that there was a lot of correspondence received since the June 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 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. The BCTC will continue to meet virtually for at least the Winter meeting as the safety of the BCTC members and EDUC staff is of utmost importance.

- **BCTC Meeting Dates Winter 2021**

The Chair informed the BCTC members that they need to provide their preference regarding the Winter BCTC meeting dates. The Winter meeting dates will be voted on and determined via Zoom poll option during the October 9 meeting. Several date options were proposed for consideration.

- **BCTC Annual Report 2019/2020**

The Chair informed the BCTC that the 2019/2020 Annual Report is currently in the draft stage and will be available for the BCTC review in October. The report will be submitted to the Minister of Education in early December 2020.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chris Stewart commented on the hard work of the BCTC members and thanked them. Stewart also asked about when nominations for BCTC spots were coming due.

A Ministry of Education (EDUC) staff member responded that the requests for nominations for BCTC positions have been sent to the respective organizations to fill the positions.

4. REVIEW OF BCTC WORKPLAN 2020-2021

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. TEP WORKING GROUP (TEPWG)

The Chair provided an overview of the TEPWG work since the June 2020 meeting. Ralf St. Clair, an ABCDE representative and a BCTC member, was asked to comment.

6. 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 upcoming 2019/2020 Commissioner for Teacher Regulation Annual Report, as well as the current operations of the Professional Conduct Unit. The Commissioner also spoke about how the Professional Conduct Unit will be approaching conduct whilst taking into consideration racism and white privilege.

The Commissioner and the BCTC engaged in a dialogue regarding the Commissioners jurisdiction, and how First Nations, Metis and Inuit are supported during the conduct process. The Commissioner spoke about openness to alternative disciplinary actions that are more reflective of the Certificate Holders background and culture.

7. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

DUMONT/DIXON

Motion: That the meeting minutes for October 6, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

BIR/LONGRIDGE

Motion: That the meeting of October 6, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 11:57 AM

OCTOBER 7, 2020

ATTENDANCE

BCTC: Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo-Anne Chrona, Tom Longridge, Ralf St. Clair, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers

Regrets: N/A

Guests: Keith Godin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Governance and Analytics Division
Clue Nicholls, Executive Director, Learning Division, Ministry of Education
Wendy Klassen, University of British Columbia Okanagan
Margaret Macintyre Latta, University of British Columbia Okanagan
Marianne McTavish, University of British Columbia

Staff: Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff, Sally Mercer, Andrew Crawford

Public:	Christine Stewart	BC Teachers' Federation
	Allyson Fleming	Vancouver Island University
	Kevin Reimer	BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association
	Tricia Stobbe	Christian Educators of British Columbia
	David Dunkin	School District 48 (Sea to Sky)
	Carol Rees	Thompson Rivers University

The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

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

The Vice Chair, Jatinder Bir, acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.

The Chair acknowledged the observance of the National Day of Awareness (NDA) for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada (October 4, 2020).

- **Approval of Agenda**

CHRONA/DIXON

Motion: That the agenda for October 7, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

- **BCTC Events Calendar 2020-2021**

The BCTC reviewed the BCTC Event Calendar for 2020-2021.

- **Opening Question**

Chair informed the BCTC that Ralf St. Clair has prepared an opening question for the attendees: *Please indicate your all-time favorite film or TV educator, and why?*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Tricia Stobbe thanked the BCTC for their work.

Carol Rees thanked the BCTC for their work and updated the BCTC on the counsel of the teacher candidates in the TRU TEP program.

3. TEP APPROVAL AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (TEPARC)

TEPARC member, Jim Iker, provided an overview the TEPARC work since the June 2020 meeting.

- Review of Terms of Reference
- Maintenance Reviews
 - Scheduling Update
 - PAT Orientation Guide and TEPAR Implementation Guide
 - PAT Pool Selection
- General Updates

HALL/DUMONT

Motion: To approve suggested edits to the TEPARC Terms of Reference V08.

CARRIED

DIXON/CHRONA

Motion: That the VIU Maintenance Review be deferred to May 2021.

CARRIED

4. MINISTRY UPDATE ON THE BC K-12 RESTART PLAN (STAGE 2)

Keith Godin, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Governance and Analytics Division, gave an update on the K-12 Restart and Cloe Nicholls, Executive Director of the Learning Division, presented to the BCTC about the Return to School Planning for K-12 students.

BCTC members dialogued with the Ministry representatives on the following issues:

- Technology availability for students
- COVID-19 symptoms list
- COVID-19 testing availability for teachers

- Resources available to support teachers
- School District financial accountability
- COVID-19 exposure events listed on health authority websites
- The lack of transparency for COVID-19 outbreaks in schools and communities

The Ministry representatives responded that the Ministry is working on creating a balance of protecting privacy and publishing information. The Ministry representatives also responded that these issues are currently being worked on within the Ministry and that they will take these questions back to their team and to their Ministry of Health counterparts to discuss.

BCTC members requested a careful balance between confidentiality and transparency, consideration of the worldviews of First Nations, Metis and Inuit, and common goal of building trust for everyone.

5. STRUCTURED DIALOGUE REPORT OUT

- **University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBCO)**

BCTC members Janine Fraser and Terry Berting reported out on the Structured Dialogue that was virtually conducted with UBCO on August 21, 2020. Wendy Klassen, Director of Undergraduate Programs, and Margaret Macintyre, Director, Okanagan School of Education, were available via Zoom to answer questions.

6. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

KEDVES/DUMONT

Motion: That the meeting minutes for October 7, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

BIR/FRASER

Motion: That the meeting of October 7, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 12:33 PM

OCTOBER 8, 2020

ATTENDANCE

BCTC: Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo-Anne Chrona, Tom Longridge, Ralf St. Clair, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers

Regrets: N/A

Guests: John Churchley, retired teacher/administrator and TRU faculty of education member

Staff: Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff, Andrew Crawford, Sally Mercer

Public:	Christine Stewart	BC Teachers Federation
	Edward Howe	Thompson Rivers University
	David Dunkin	School District No.48 (Sea to Sky)

The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

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

BCTC member Janine Fraser acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.

- **Approval of Agenda**

LONGRIDGE/FRASER

Motion: That the agenda for October 8, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

- **Opening Question**

Chair informed the BCTC that Ralf St. Clair has prepared an opening question for the attendees: *Please indicate your all-time favorite film or TV educator, and why?*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments from the public were made.

3. PROFESSIONAL AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS STEERING COMMITTEE (PCSSC)

PCSSC members Jatinder Bir and Jim Iker provided an overview of the PCSSC work since the June 2020 meeting.

- **Review of PCSSC Terms of Reference**

HALL/COLISTRO

Motion: That the updates to the Terms of Reference V09 be approved.

CARRIED

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

- Letters to Education Partners
- Professional Standards Video Project
- InspirED Magazine Article
- Professional Standards Song

- **Certification Standards Review**

- Familiarization Standards Legal Review
 - The BCTC will collaborate with the ABCDE regarding the Introduction Course on the BC K-12 School System and the 9 credits of professional education coursework.

HALL/BROADY

Motion: That the proposed amendments to the revised Familiarization Standards be approved in principle.

CARRIED

- Currency of Teaching Practice
 - The Chair requested feedback via email from all BCTC members on the possible further direction with Currency of Practice considering the three possible options provided.

Dr. John Churchley joined the BCTC to present his song on Professional Standards for BC Educators.

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

HALL/CHRONA

Motion: To move into private.

CARRIED

TEPARC members Jim Iker and Ralf St. Clair continued their report out to the BCTC.

o PAT Pool Selection

Nominee	Organization	Provincial Region	Teaching Background (Elem/Sec)
Erin Kline	FISA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fraser Academy
Katya Groves	FISA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Joseph's Elem. Principal
Rebecca Atleo	FNESC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ahoust Education Authority Director of Education
Vonnie Hutchingson	FNESC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lach Klan School Head of School
Shannon Schinkel	SD#57 Prince George	North Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary
Corinne Tacey	SD#60 Peace River North	Peace Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary
Dana Plett	SD#84 Vancouver Island West	North Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary
Amanda Culver	SD#62 Sooke	South Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary French Immersion
Tammie Chernoff	SD#33 Chilliwack	Fraser Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently Secondary Has taught Elem, Mid & Sec Math/Science
Mardelle Sauerborn	SD#05 Southeast Kootenay	Kootenay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Learning Commons
Jeffrey Aw-Yong	SD#44 North Vancouver	Lower Mainland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary
Lori Nelson	SD#73 Kamloops-Thompson	Okanagan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently District ELL Resource Teacher (mentors new ELL K-12 teachers) Secondary for 33 years

CHRONA

Motion: To move out of private.

CARRIED

DUMONT/BROADY

Motion: That the BCTC accepts the 12 recommendations from TEPARC for the PAT Pool nominations.

CARRIED

- The BCTC considered the following criteria in their selection: COQ holder, recent experience with teacher candidates, geographic region of the province, subject and grade area and gender.

5. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

HALL/BERTING

Motion: That the meeting minutes for October 8, 2020 be adopted.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

BIR/COOKE

Motion: That the meeting of October 8, 2020 be adjourned.

..... CARRIED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 12:01 PM

OCTOBER 9, 2020

ATTENDANCE

- BCTC:** Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo-Anne Chrona, Tom Longridge, Ralf St. Clair, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers
- Absent:** N/A
- Guests:** Silvia Mangué Alene, President of the BC Black History Awareness Society
Nikitha Fester, BC Educator
Sharyn Carroll, BC Educator
- Staff:** Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff
- Public:** Christine Stewart BC Teachers' Federation
Allyson Fleming Vancouver Island University
Carol Rees Thompson Rivers University

The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

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

BCTC member Jo-Anne Chrona acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.

- **Approval of Agenda**

DIXON/DUMONT

Motion: That the agenda for October 9, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

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- **Opening Question**

Chair informed the BCTC that Ralf St. Clair has prepared an opening question for the attendees: *Please indicate your all-time favorite film or TV educator, and why?*

- **Winter Meeting Dates Poll and Decision**

Voted via Zoom poll, the dates of February 11-12 and February 18-19, 2021 were chosen as the BCTC Winter meeting dates.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Carol Rees of Thompson River University thanked the BCTC for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

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3. TEP APPROVAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE (TEPASC)

TEPASC members Alice Kedves and Jay Dixon provided an overview of the TEPASC work since the June 2020 meeting.

EDUC staff member provided more details on the V07 version of the TEP Approval Standards.

HALL/LONGRIDGE

Motion: To approve the suggested edits to the draft Standard 1 in the draft TEP Approval Standards V07.

CARRIED

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HALL/CHRONA

Motion: To approve the suggested edits to the draft Standard 2 in the Draft TEP Approval Standards V07.

CARRIED

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BCTC members to provide TEPASC their feedback on the draft TEP Approval Standards 3, 4 and 5 in a follow up BCTC meeting, date of the meeting TBD.

HALL/ST.CLAIR

Motion: That TEPASC seek broader input through consultations with education partners to obtain feedback on the revised draft TEP Approval Standards.

CARRIED

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4. DIALOGUE WITH BC BLACK HISTORY AWARENESS SOCIETY

The president of BC Black History Awareness Society, Silvia Mangué Alene, and BC Educators, Nikitha Fester and Sharon Carroll, dialogued with the BCTC regarding the inclusion of Black history content in the BC K-12 and TEPs' curriculum, bringing more BIPOC students into the teacher education programs and teaching workforce in BC, and the accessibility of TEP's for BIPOC students.

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5. NEW TEACHER SURVEY WORKING GROUP (NTSWG)

NTSWG members Jo-Anne Chrona and Ralf St. Clair provided an overview of the NTSWG work since their last meeting in December 2019.

ST. CLAIR/LONGRIDGE

- To approve the revised NTSWG Terms of Reference V02.
- To approve the revised target timelines for the New Teacher Survey 2021.

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- To include the Ministry Education Analytics Office - Outreach, Analytics and Reporting Unit, and UBC Vancouver Faculty of Education as external partners to participate in the creation of the New Teacher Survey 2021.

CARRIED

- The BCTC determined it would be useful to engage above mentioned external partners to participate in this project due to their expertise in quantitative and qualitative research, survey development, privacy and security impact, data collection, interpretation, release of data sets, and data storage.
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6. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

No updates to report on.

7. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

Chair advised that the draft minutes for October 9, 2020 meeting be circulated post-meeting to the BCTC members for review and to the Chair and Vice-Chair for approval.

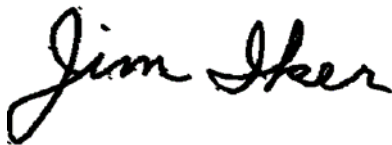
8. ADJOURNMENT

BIR/LONGRIDGE

Motion: That the meeting of October 9, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 12:33 PM



Jim Iker, Chair



Shawn McMullin, Director of Professional Excellence



Sameena Sheriff, Recording Secretary