

MINUTES OF THE BC TEACHERS' COUNCIL



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October 10, 2019

ATTENDANCE

- Council:** Rebecca Blair, Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo Chrona, Tom Longridge, Ralf St. Clair, Peter Van Huizen, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon
- Regrets:** Janine Fraser
- Staff:** Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, William Dare, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Alexandra Gillis, Sally Mercer
- Guests:** Scott MacDonald Deputy Minister of Education
Marianne McTavish University of British Columbia
Nan Stevens Thompson Rivers University (via teleconference)
Edward Howe Thompson Rivers University (via teleconference)
- Public:** Christine Stewart BC Teacher's Federation
Kevin Reimer BC Principals and Vice Principals Association
Tricia Stobbe Christian Educators of British Columbia
Andrea Sinclair BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

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

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed members of the public.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples

The Chair recognizes the Traditional Territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples and thanks them for allowing this meeting to be held on their territories.

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The Chair asked BCTC member Hall to open the meeting with a question for attendee response. Each attendee was asked to speak about their most memorable experience of "otherness" and perceived difference.

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- **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair reminded members that the agenda was developed from the motions passed at the June 2019 BCTC meeting and from the BCTC's 2019-2020 workplan.

LONGRIDGE/BLAIR

Motion: That the agenda for October 10, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS AND REPORTING OUT

- **Correspondence**

The Chair informed the BCTC that there was correspondence sent/received since the June meeting. Correspondence not discussed at this time was discussed under specific agenda items later in the meeting.

Correspondence requiring no current action for the BCTC	Correspondence requiring the BCTC's action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-06-10 To TWU re. Notice of Intent acknowledgement letter • 2019-06-11 To VIU re. Program Proposal • 2019-06-17 From EDUC re. Chair meeting with MRF • 2019-06-20 To TWU re. NOI Decision • 2019-06-21 To MRF re. AG Progress Audit: Aboriginal Students • 2019-06-24 From DM re. CMEC Reception Invitation • 2019-06-26 From BCPVPA re. Board Elections • 2019-07-02 To MRF re. Certification Standards • 2019-07-02 To MRF re. TEP Approval Standards • 2019-07-30 From MRF re. TEP and Certification Standards • 2019-08-08 To UBC re. NOI Acknowledgement Letter • 2019-08-09 To MRF re. BCTC meeting • 2019-08-27 From TEPASC re. TEP Approval Standards Emerging Themes • 2019-09-24 To UBC re. NOI Acknowledgement Letter • 2019-09-24 To UVic re. French Methods Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-07-29 From UBC re. HOPE NOI • 2019-08-29 From MRF re. Certification and TEP Standards • 2019-09-20 From UBC re. Minor Changes – NITEP • 2019-09-23 From UVic re. French Methods Course • 2018-09-26 To UNBC re. TEP Renewal Proposal

Correspondence requiring no current action for the BCTC	Correspondence requiring the BCTC's action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-09-25 To MRF re. Reception • 2019-09-26 To UNBC re. TEPARC • 2019-09-26 To UVic re. BEDLIR NOI • 2019-09-26 To UBC re. HOPE Name Change • 2019-10-04 To UVic re. French Methods Courses 	

- **Chair's Report Out**

The Chair reminded the BCTC that the 2018/19 draft Annual Report, as reviewed by the BCTC, will soon be designed and submitted to the Minister of Education in November 2019.

The Chair reported on the meetings with Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, and Deputy Minister of Education, Scott MacDonald, about the BCTC processes, communication and proposed Evening Event to celebrate the BCTC's accomplishments.

The Chair introduced BCTC members Jatinder Bir and Rebecca Blair to provide reports on events attended on the Chair's behalf.

- a) **CMEC Annual Education Ministers' Meeting**

BCTC member Bir provided a verbal report out to the BCTC on the CMEC Annual Education Ministers' Meeting on Wednesday July 4.

- b) **Premier's Excellence in Education Awards**

BCTC member Blair provided a verbal report out to the BCTC on the Premier's Excellence in Education Awards on Friday October 4.

3. **STRUCTURED DIALOGUE REPORT OUT – Thompson Rivers University**

The Chair informed the BCTC that TRU Program Coordinator, Nan Stevens, and TRU Chair of the School of Education, Edward Howe, were available via teleconference to answer questions and speak to the structured dialogue that occurred at TRU on May 24, 2019. BCTC members St. Clair and Longridge provided their report out to the BCTC.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Chair invited the public to speak to the BCTC. The Chair reminded attendees of their opportunity to review the agenda and provide comment on anything pertinent/of interest to them. Issues raised during this period may be referred to the Chair and Ministry staff for consideration.

No comments.

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5. STRUCTURED DIALOGUE REPORT OUT – University of British Columbia West Kootenay Teacher Education Program

The Chair informed the BCTC that Associate Dean of Teacher Education, Marianne McTavish, was available to answer questions and speak to the structured dialogue that occurred at UBC WKTEP on July 4, 2019. BCTC members Hall and Broady provided their report out to the BCTC.

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6. DIALOGUE WITH THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

The Chair welcomed Deputy Minister of Education, Scott MacDonald, to dialogue with the BCTC. BCTC members, guests and EDUC staff introduced themselves.

Deputy Minister MacDonald thanked the BCTC for the opportunity to meet and engage in dialogue on the Ministry's Strategic Vision and how it relates to the BCTC mandate and current workplan. Deputy Minister MacDonald overviewed the Ministry Strategic Vision, the Ministry Policy for Student Success and Ministry Priorities.

Deputy Minister MacDonald and BCTC members engaged in dialogue and questions relating to the following themes: student centered learning, future orientation, high and measurable standards, healthy and effective learning environments, quality teaching and leadership, teacher recruitment and retention, student funding, Aboriginal education, Ministry cross-divisional communication.

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7. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

The Chair asked BCTC representatives on the external committees to provide updates.

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

BCTC member Dumont provided a verbal report out to the BCTC on recent meetings of the K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Table. The BCTC was asked to provide a direction with proposing names to FNEESC of possible people (not affiliated with partner groups) that would be available and willing to chair K-12 Aboriginal Partners Group meeting.

- **French Education Stakeholders Advisory Committee**

BCTC member Van Huizen advised that no meetings occurred since June 2019 BCTC meeting.

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8. PROFESSIONAL AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS STEERING COMMITTEE (PCSSC) REPORT OUT

- **Hul'q'umi'num' Language and Culture Society First Nations Language Authority application**

The Director of Certification, Alexandra Gillis, provided background information on the application and recommended the group be added to the current list of First Nations language authorities.

HALL/COOKE

Motion: That the Hul'q'umi'num' Language and Culture Society First Nations Language Authority be added to the list of approved First Nations Language Authorities in the Certification Standards.

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- **Minister's decision on the Realigned Certification Standards and next steps**

PCSSC presented PowerPoint overview of their work since June 2019 meeting.

- **Certification Standards – recommendation and approval**

The BCTC reviewed the Minister of Education's response to the Realigned Certification Standards and suggested amendments.

BROADY/VAN HUIZEN

Motion: To approve edits to the Realigned Certification Standards as recommended.

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- **Professional Standards – communications**

The PCSSC presented possible next steps in the BCTC's implementation of the new Professional Standards.

BLAIR/LONGRIDGE

Motion: To approve the Professional Standards implementation next steps as recommended by the PCSSC.

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9. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Chair reminded the BCTC to ensure accuracy of the minutes.

DUMONT/BIR

Motion: To approve the minutes.

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BLAIR/LONGRIDGE

Motion: To extend the meeting by 5 minutes.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair reminded attendees that the Evening Event would begin at 5pm at the Law Courts Inn.

BLAIR

Motion: That the meeting of October 10, 2019 be adjourned.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:45 PM

October 11, 2019

ATTENDANCE

BCTC: Rebecca Blair, Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo Chrona, Tom Longridge, Ralf St. Clair, Peter Van Huizen, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser

Regrets: None

Staff: Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, William Dare, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Alexandra Gillis

Guests:	Paul Neufeld	Simon Fraser University
	Janice St. Helene	Simon Fraser University
	Shannon Wagner	University of Northern British Columbia
	Susan Crichton	University of Northern British Columbia
	Howard Kushner	Commissioner for Teacher Regulation

Public: Christine Stewart BC Teacher's Federation

The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

INTRODUCTIONS

No members of the public were present.

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1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Chair invited all present for a moment of silence to honour the memory of Billy Sutherland, a long-term EDUC/Professional Conduct Unit employee.

- **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair welcomed attendees and requested approval of the agenda.

The Chair informed the public that the BCTC would likely move into private at approximately 9:50 am for a decision on agenda item #4 Teacher Education Program Approval & Review Committee (TEPARC) report out: UNBC Renewed B.Ed program.

- **BCTC Events Calendar 2019/20**

The Chair informed the BCTC that an updated version of this document has been provided by Ministry staff and that the calendar will be updated quarterly.

BROADY/HALL

Motion: That the agenda for October 11, 2019 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Chair invited the public to speak to the BCTC. The Chair reminded attendees of their opportunity to review the agenda and provide comment on anything pertinent or of interest to them. Issues raised by the public may be referred to the Chair and Ministry staff for consideration.

No comments.

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3. REVIEW OF BCTC WORKPLAN FOR 2019/2020

The Chair reminded the BCTC that the 2019/20 Workplan was developed at the BCTC June 2019 meeting as follows:

2019/2020 goals	Status
Goal 1: Communication and Implementation of the Professional Standards	In progress
Goal 2: A review and revision of the Certification Standards	In progress
Goal 3: A review and revision of the Teacher Education Program Approval Standards	In progress
Goal 4: Review and develop a New Teacher Survey.	In progress

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4. BCTC MEETING RULES – SUGGESTED CHANGE

Chair informed the BCTC that issues have been identified pertaining to the Committee/Working Group section of the BCTC meeting rules.

BLAIR/HALL

Motion: To amend the meeting rules so that committee members will be elected by a rule of 50 percent plus one.

CARRIED

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DUMONT/ST. CLAIR

Motion: That a separate section outlining rules for Working Groups is adopted:

1. Working Groups will be approved by the BCTC.
2. Membership of Working Groups may include representatives from education partners who are not BCTC members.
3. BCTC members of Working Groups will be appointed or elected by the BCTC. Terms of appointment will be defined in the terms of reference for each Working Group as approved by the BCTC. Elected members will be elected by a rule of 50 percent plus one.
4. Working Groups will select a liaison who will be responsible for reporting recommendations and

updates in a timely manner and upon request.

5. The BCTC will work with Executive Director to ensure that costs of Working Groups are within the current workplan of the BCTC.

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5. STRUCTURED DIALOGUE REPORT OUT – Simon Fraser University

The Chair informed BCTC that Director of Professional Programs, Paul Neufeld, and Associate Director of Professional Programs, Janice St. Helene, were available to answer questions and speak to the structured dialogue that occurred at SFU on June 11, 2019. BCTC members Broady and Iker provided their report out to the BCTC.

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6. TEP APPROVAL AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (TEPARC) REPORT OUT

BCTC members Hall and St. Clair provided an overview of the TEPARC work since the June 2019 meeting.

- **UNBC – Renewed B.Ed. Program**

A recommendation report was provided to the BCTC on the University of Northern British Columbia's (UNBC) Renewed B.Ed. Program.

MOVING INTO PRIVATE

COOKE/FRASER

Motion: To move into private.

..... CARRIED

MOVING OUT OF PRIVATE

ST. CLAIR

Motion: To move out of private.

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HALL/BIR

Motion: To approve the program change proposal for the University of Northern British Columbia's Renewed Bachelor of Education.

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Changes not requiring BCTC approval:

- University of Victoria - Bachelor of Education Indigenous Language Revitalization (BEDILR)
- Trinity Western University – Changes to the existing Bachelor of Education program
- University of British Columbia - Program specialty name-change amendment (HOPE)
- Council of Music Educators of BC (CMEBC)

The BCTC reviewed the draft Cyclical Review Schedule prepared for 2020-2030

The BCTC discussed the proposed Program Assessment Team (PAT) - Pool Selection Process and expressed some concerns about the fairness of the selection criteria.

BLAIR/CHRONA

Motion: That the Program Assessment Team (PAT) - Pool Selection and Criteria be referred back to the TEPARC.

DEFEATED

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BLAIR/BIR

Motion: That the Program Assessment Team (PAT) - Pool Selection and Criteria be referred back to the TEPARC with further input from individual Council members. Prior to the next TEPARC meeting, EDUC staff to send out a memo asking Council members for their feedback with a timeline, followed by a second reminder.

CARRIED

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7. DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR TEACHER REGULATIONS

The Chair introduced the Commissioner for Teacher Regulation, Howard Kushner, to dialogue with the BCTC regarding the Regulatory Standards and the Discipline process.

The Commissioner provided a notice of passing of Billy Sutherland, a long-term EDUC/Professional Conduct Branch employee. The Commissioner informed the BCTC of prospective online remedial courses for certificate holders, “no further action” decisions, and the 2019 Commissioner’s Annual Report statistics. The Commissioner’s Annual Report will be available by the late November 2019.

The Commissioner and the BCTC engaged in dialogue and questions relating to regulatory standards and the discipline/conflict resolution processes.

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8. STRUCTURED DIALOGUE REPORT OUT – University of Northern British Columbia Prince George

The Chair informed the BCTC that UNBC Interim Education Program Chair and Acting Dean of Arts, Social and Health Sciences, Shannon Wagner and UNBC B.Ed. Program Renewal Consultant, Susan Crichton, were available to answer questions and speak to the structured dialogue that occurred at UNBC Prince George on June 4, 2019. BCTC members Blair and Chrona provided their report out to the BCTC.

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9. STRUCTURED DIALOGUE REPORT OUT – University of Northern British Columbia Terrace

The Chair informed the BCTC that UNBC Interim Education Program Chair and Acting Dean of Arts, Social and Health Sciences, Shannon Wagner, and UNBC B.Ed. Program Renewal Consultant, Susan Crichton were available to answer questions and speak to the structured dialogue that occurred at UNBC Terrace

on June 18, 2019. BCTC members Blair and Iker provided their report out to the BCTC.

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10. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

BCTC member Postings provided an update on the Ministry of Education organizational changes pertaining to the Governance and Analytics Division (GAD) and Deputy Minister's Office (DMO). Partner Relations and Intergovernmental Communications have become part of the Sector Policy and Performance Branch (formerly the Workforce Development Branch).

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11. NEW TEACHER SURVEY DISCUSSION

The Director of Professional Excellence and Outreach, Shawn McMullin, presented an overview of the New Teacher Survey outlining considerations and possible steps forward.

BLAIR/BIR

Motion: To refer the creation of the New Teacher Survey to the PCSSC.

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DEFEATED

FRASER/BERTING

Motion: To create a working group to create a New Teacher Survey.

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DUMONT/FRASER

Motion: To defer the creation of a working group to create a New Teacher Survey to the next BCTC meeting

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CARRIED

ST. CLAIR/HALL

Motion: To create a short-life New Teacher Survey Working Group to report back options for the New Teacher Survey at the next BCTC meeting.

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CARRIED

VAN HUIZEN/FRASER

Motion: That new working group consist of three BCTC members.

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CARRIED

ST. CLAIR/COOKE

Motion: That the mandate of the short-life working group is to provide options regarding the scope, process and implementation of results for the New Teacher Survey.

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CARRIED

- **Election of the Short-Life New Teacher Survey Working Group**

Peter Van Huizen, Ralf St. Clair, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Rebecca Blair, Terri Berting, and Marjorie Dumont were nominated as members of the Short-Life Working Group.

Ralf St. Clair, Rebecca Blair and Jatinder Kaur Bir were elected as members of the Short-Life New Teacher Survey Working Group

COOKE/FRASER

Motion: To destroy the ballots.

CARRIED

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12. TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE (TEPASC) REPORT OUT

- **Minister's decision and next steps**
- **TEP consultation feedback**

COOKE/DIXON

Motion: That the recommended Phase 2 of the TEP Approval Standards consultation process be approved as laid out in the memo of October 11, 2019.

CARRIED

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13. TEP WORKING GROUP REPORT OUT

- **Report out – September 18 teleconference re: Process E staff roles**

The Chair informed the BCTC that the ABCDE reviewed the recommended change from the motion passed by the BCTC at their teleconference of September 10, 2019:

That the position in Process E of the Framework be delegated to Executive Director, Legislation, Policy & Governance Branch to carry out the role.

BCTC member St. Clair spoke to the ABCDE meeting of September 27, 2019. The ABCDE was happy to support this decision.

- **TEPAR Framework design**

The Director of Professional Excellence and Outreach, Shawn McMullin, introduced the latest Framework and Process Maps design.

The BCTC's communications plan to be discussed at the February 2020 meeting.

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14. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Chair reminded the BCTC to ensure the accuracy of the minutes.

LONGRIDGE/KEDVES

Motion: To approve the minutes.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

The BCTC thanked Kim Dionne, EDUC staff, for her work in organizing the meeting and evening event.

BIR/DIXON

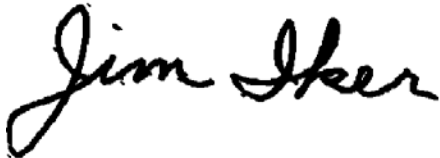
Motion: That the meeting of October 11, 2019 be adjourned

CARRIED

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:01 PM

***It was noted that the meeting is open to the public*



Jim Iker, Chair



Shawn McMullin, Director of Professional Excellence and Outreach



Dijana Gres, Recording Secretary