

MINUTES OF THE BC TEACHERS' COUNCIL



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OCTOBER 15, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Council: Rebecca Blair, Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Jo Chrona, Peter Van Huizen, Alice Kedves, Ralf St. Clair, John Tyler, Janine Fraser, Susan Wilson, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Paul Squires

Absent: John Hall, Tom Longridge

Staff: Wilma Clarke, Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Alison Bryceland, Christine Ducharme, William Dare, Alexandra Gillis

Guests: Pat Duncan Ministry of Education

Public: Christine Stewart BCTF
Tricia Stobbe Christian Educators of BC
Marian Riedel VIU
Marianne McTavish UBC
Dennis Horwood
B. Horwood

The Chair, Rebecca Blair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

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 handed the floor over to BCTC member Jo Chrona to do a meeting opener with attendees. The question asked was: What have you learned with respect to Indigenous issues over the past two years and/or what would you like to learn?

The Chair asked if another BCTC member would volunteer in preparing a question to open the next meeting. Peter Van Huizen volunteered for this task.

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Approval of Agenda

The Chair reminded BCTC members that the agenda was developed from the motions passed at the June 2018 BCTC meeting and from the BCTC's 2018/19 workplan.

The Chair informed the BCTC, guests and public attendees that the meeting would be moving into private for:

- # 9 (Professional and Certification Standards Committee) – legal advice
- #10 (Teacher Education Program Working Group) – legal advice

BIR/WILSON

Motion: That the agenda for October 15, 2018 be approved/approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS AND REPORTING OUT

Correspondence:

The Chair informed the BCTC that there was correspondence sent/received since the June meeting, and that correspondence not discussed at this point would be discussed under specific agenda items later in the agenda.

Chair's Report Out:

a) **Professional Standards**

The Chair and the Vice-Chair attended a meeting with the Minister on July 12, 2018 to discuss the BCTC's submission of the revised Professional Standards. The Chair had two subsequent phone calls (one from the Ministry of Education Deputy Minister, and one from Minister Rob Fleming), in which they provided verbal notification that the proposed revised standards would be disallowed.

b) **Legal Advice**

The Chair contacted the BCTC's legal counsel to request a confidential legal opinion regarding the Minister's response to the proposed Professional Standards and the Teacher Education Program Review and Approval Framework.

The Chair sent a letter to Minister Rob Fleming requesting an in-person meeting to discuss the Minister Appointee's role on BCTC Committees in relation to confidentiality and legal advice. The Chair noted that this would be discussed in camera later in the agenda.

The Chair met with the BCTC's legal counsel on October 4, 2018 to discuss the advice received regarding the Teacher Education Program Approval and Review Framework, and the Minister's disallowal of the Professional Standards.

c) Premiers Awards for Teacher Excellence

The Chair informed BCTC members that this awards dinner would be discussed later in the meeting. Alice Kedves attended this event.

d) World Teacher Day

The Chair informed BCTC members that an email message was sent to all BC certificate holders on behalf of the BCTC in recognition of World Teacher Day on October 5, 2018.

e) Teacher Education Program Advisors Roundtable

The Chair is scheduled to present at the October 19th Teacher Education Program Advisor Roundtable meeting at the Teacher Regulation Branch, regarding the BCTC's work and Standard reviews that are underway.

Public Comment Period

Former teaching certificate holder Dennis Horwood followed up on his correspondence with the Teacher Regulation Branch regarding his application for reinstatement.

Mr. Horwood's letter will be placed into the correspondence folder and will be referred to the Professional and Certification Standards Steering Committee. The Chair informed Mr. Horwood that this issue will be considered by the BCTC as they review the Certification Standards.

3. REVIEW OF THE 2018/19 WORKPLAN

The Chair reminded the BCTC that the 2018/19 workplan was developed at the June 2018 meeting as follows:

2018/2019 goals	Status
Goal 1: Communication and Implementation of the Professional Standards	In progress
Goal 2: Establish and implement a formal review process for teacher education programs	In progress
Goal 3: A review of the Certification Standards	In progress
Goal 4: A review of the Teacher Education Program Approval Standards	In progress
Goal 5: Development and implementation of a Council communications plan	Ongoing
Goal 6: Continuation of the review of the Council's policies, procedures and meeting rules	In progress

4. PRESENTATION: GRADUATION YEARS TRANSITION – GR. 10-12

The Chair welcomed Pat Duncan, Superintendent of Learning, Ministry of Education. Pat spoke to the BCTC on the latest developments regarding the grade 10-12 curriculum, assessment and graduation requirements. The BCTC discussed the presentation and asked questions regarding the slides and the information included.

5. BC TEACHERS' COUNCIL MEETING RULES

Committee/Working Group section

The Chair informed BCTC members that issues have been identified pertaining to the Committee/Working Group section of the BCTC meeting rules. Specifically, the Chair highlighted that the meeting rules relating to the Chair's ex-officio role on BCTC Committees were silent regarding the Chair's ability to vote and whether the Chair's presence counts toward meeting quorum.

To obtain clarity, the Chair facilitated a discussion regarding the Chair's ex-officio role on Committees/Working Groups relating to the right to vote and meeting quorum. It was explained that, while the meeting rules are silent, Robert's Rules clarifies the role of an ex-officio having all the rights of any committee member, including voting. Also, according to Robert's Rules, the Chair is not counted as a committee member when considering quorum for a committee.

There was agreement regarding the Chair's ex-officio role: The Chair has the right to vote on Committees/Working Groups if decisions made by voting is within a committee's/working group's Terms of Reference. The Chair's presence does not count toward achieving meeting quorum. These points will be reflected in the various Committees' Terms of Reference.

6. DISCUSSION: BC TEACHERS' COUNCIL STANDARDS WORKSHOP

The Chair suggested that based on observations of Committee work, and given that the various sets of Standards within the BCTC's purview are all under review, it may be helpful to have a workshop to allow all BCTC members to understand the different Standards that are within the BCTC's purview. The Chair sought a motion to approve the establishment of a two-day workshop – inviting a targeted group of stakeholders on day two of the workshop to discuss the role of the Certification Standards in carrying out their work. The Teacher Regulation Branch staff identified a number of dates for members' consideration.

BROADY/COOKE

Motion: That a two-day workshop is established, with the second day inviting a targeted group of stakeholders, and staff will circulate dates for this workshop to have the majority of BCTC Members in attendance.

CARRIED

This workshop has been scheduled for December 13 and 14, 2018.

7. REPORT OUT: PREMIER'S AWARDS FOR EDUCATORS

Alice Kedves reported on her attendance at this event. Paul Squires also attended the event and reported to BCTC.

8. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS REVIEW – UPDATE + NEXT STEPS

The BCTC moved in camera to have discussions regarding the draft Professional Standards that were sent to the Minister, to receive legal counsel advice regarding the disallowal letter from the Minister, to hear PCSSC recommendations and to identify desired next steps in the approval process.

MOVING INTO PRIVATE

IKER/FRASER

Motion: To move into private for discussions with the BCTC's legal counsel, Jaia Rai. All guests, staff and Minister's appointed representative are asked to leave. One TRB staff is asked to remain to be the recording secretary. The public, staff and Minister's appointed representative will be welcome to return at 3:15 pm.

CARRIED

MOVING OUT OF PRIVATE

BIR/VAN HUIZEN

Motion: To move out of private.

CARRIED

9. CHAIR SEEKS MOTIONS

The Chair sought a motion to approve each recommendation regarding the draft Professional Standards, preamble and glossary that were made in private.

ST. CLAIR/IKER

Motion: That the following wording be removed from the supporting statement in Standard 2 and reinserted into the supporting statement of Standard 1: *“Educators understand the importance of confidentiality, and protect student privacy, unless disclosure is required by law. Educators do not abuse or exploit students or minors for personal, sexual, ideological, material or other advantage.”*

CARRIED

BIR/CHRONA

Motion: That the wording *“Educators provide and advocate for a learning environment that is physically, socially, culturally and emotionally safe.”* in Standard 1 be replaced with *“Educators work to create a learning environment that is physically, socially, culturally and emotionally safe.”*

CARRIED

ST. CLAIR/KEDVES

Motion: *“Through the application of these Standards, educators contribute to a safe and inclusive learning environment that reflects the diversity of all students. Educators honour the profession through their commitment to these Standards.”* in the preamble be replaced with *“Through the application of these Standards, educators advocate for student needs and contribute to a safe and inclusive learning environment that reflects the diversity of all students. Educators have a level of autonomy, are accountable for their actions, and must act in the public interest.”*

CARRIED

WILSON/DUMONT

Motion: That the Glossary be revised to add the following overarching statement: *“These terms are included to assist the public. To the extent that there is any discrepancy between these terms and the definitions in the legislation, the legislative definitions prevail.”*

CARRIED

BIR/COOKE

MOTION: To move item 8 from this agenda to tomorrow’s agenda (**Professional and Certification Standards Steering Committee: Terms of Reference and Certification Standards Review/Update + Next Steps**).

CARRIED

10. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

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

IKER/DUMONT

Motion: That the Minutes be accepted.

CARRIED

Adjournment

BROADY/FRASER

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:00 PM

OCTOBER 16, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Council: Rebecca Blair, Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Jo Chrona, Peter Van Huizen, Alice Kedves, Ralf St. Clair, John Tyler, Janine Fraser, Susan Wilson, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Paul Squires

Absent: John Hall, Tom Longridge

Staff: Wilma Clarke, Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, William Dare, Christine Ducharme, Alison Bryceland, Alexandra Gillis, Andrew Crawford, Vicki Wayne

Guests: Keith Godin Ministry of Education
David DeRosa BCPVPA
Kevin Reimer BCPVPA

Public: Christine Stewart BCTF
Tricia Stobbe Christian Educators of BC

The Chair, Rebecca Blair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed members of the public.

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1. BUSINESS AND REPORTING OUT

ST. CLAIR/VAN HUIZEN

Motion: That the agenda for October 16, 2018 be approved/approved as amended.

CARRIED

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments.

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2. TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Chair reminded the BCTC that this Committee was established as the result of a motion carried at the June 2018 meeting. As this is a new Committee, a Terms of Reference was developed to guide this work. The Committee would be seeking approval of the document following BCTC's review.

Alice Kedves spoke on the Terms of Reference, and provided an overview of the review process. A discussion took place regarding the Committee's workplan.

IKER/CHRONA

Motion: To adopt Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

3. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS:

K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Table

The Chair handed the floor over to BCTC member Jo Chrona, to provide an update on the K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Table meeting she attended on June 25, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2018.

4. REPORT OUT: CMEC SYMPOSIUM ON INDIGENIZING TEACHER EDUCATION

John Hall attended the CMEC symposium on behalf of the BCTC but was unable to attend this meeting. He provided a written report out. Ralf St. Clair and Jo Chrona attended as representatives from their organizations, and provided additional thoughts/comments on the symposium.

5. PRESENTATION: POLICY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

The Chair welcomed Keith Godin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Governance and Analytics Division, Ministry of Education. Keith presented to the BCTC on the Ministry's Policy for Student Success. The Chair opened the floor for discussion after the presentation.

6. CANADIAN CENTRE FOR CHILD PROTECTION REPORT: CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY K-12 SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN CANADA

The Chair informed the BCTC that the TRB received this report in August. This report has been provided to both the Commissioner for Teacher Regulation and the BCTC for review.

7. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN – UPDATE

- Review plan – update + next steps
- 2018/19 event/meeting calendar

The Chair asked the BCTC to review the calendar for any suggested edits to meeting dates or events relating to their organizations.

There was discussion around potential ways to communicate to educators.

8. PRESENTATION: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN BC

The Chair welcomed David DeRosa, President, and Kevin Reimer, Executive Director, of the BC Principals and Vice-Principals Association, for a presentation to the BCTC on Leadership Development in BC. There was a discussion following the presentation.

9. TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVAL & REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Chair reminded the BCTC that the Interim Teacher Education Program Review Committee (ITEPRC) became the Teacher Education Program Approval and Review Committee (TEPARC) at the June 2018 meeting. As such, the Terms of Reference for this Committee required amendments. Ralf St. Clair reviewed the amendments with the BCTC. Ralf also updated the BCTC on the Regulatory Review Schedule for 2018-19 and general items related to the Committee's work. The Committee sought approval of the Terms of Reference following the review by the BCTC.

FRASER/BROADY

Motion: To adopt the Terms of Reference for this Committee.

CARRIED

- *Structured dialogue update: SFU – Alaska High Consortium on teacher education*

Peter Van Huizen and Alice Kedves provided an update.

- *University of British Columbia Okanagan Site Visit*

Jatinder Bir provided an update on this site visit.

- *Teacher Education Program Approval and Review Framework process visuals for publication*

The Chair reminded the BCTC that a Notice of Motion was put forth October 6, 2017:

Once the TEP review process has been finalized, TRB staff will provide a map of all processes and procedures that Teacher Education Programs will be going through for publication on the website.

Ralf St. Clair informed the BCTC that the TEPARC Committee is aware of the importance of developing a process map. He further notified the BCTC that the Committee:

- is currently awaiting the findings of the Framework review by legal counsel;
- will need to work with the Association of BC Deans of Education to establish some parameters around the detail of maintenance review outcomes that will be published;
- is reviewing models from other jurisdictions to determine what good practice in this area looks like;
- will discuss this further at the TEPARC meeting November 30, 2018.

10. PROFESSIONAL AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS STEERING COMMITTEE

- Terms of Reference

The Chair reminded the BCTC that at the June 2018 meeting the mandate of this Committee expanded to include the Certification Standards review. As such, the Terms of Reference for this Committee were revised at the August meeting to reflect this new responsibility. The revised Terms of Reference document was included with meeting materials distributed to BCTC members. The amendments were discussed. The Committee looked for approval of the document following the review.

BIR/TYLER

Motion: To approve the Terms of Reference for this Committee.

CARRIED

- Certification Standards Review – update + next steps

The Chair reminded the BCTC that at the June 2018 meeting the Director of Certification (DOC) provided an update on the phase two consultation findings report developed by Queenswood Consulting. Following this update, the BCTC decided that the Professional Standards Steering Committee's responsibility would be expanded to include the review of and revision to the Certification Standards. This Committee met in August and October 2018. At the most recent meeting, the Committee reviewed the current Certification Standards with the DOC and TRB staff. The Certification Standards will be explored during the upcoming two-day workshop.

The next meeting of the Committee will focus on developing a workplan for the BCTC to approve.

11. TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVAL & REVIEW FRAMEWORK UPDATE

The Chair reminded the BCTC that the Teacher Education Program Approval and Review Framework, developed collaboratively by the BCTC and the Association of BC Deans of Education, was approved in principle by both parties earlier in 2018. The discussion between BCTC and legal counsel regarding this Framework remains outstanding.

The Chair proposed that the Framework be amended based on legal advice recently received by the Chair. The Framework would then be sent to the full BCTC membership electronically for review, to be followed by a conference call between BCTC and legal counsel to discuss.

Pending no major changes, the Framework would then go to the Association of BC Deans of Education for review, and the Teacher Education Program Review and Approval Working Group, after which it will be tabled with the BCTC for final review and approval.

12. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

COOKE/DUMONT

Motion: That the Minutes for October 16, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

Adjournment

ST. CLAIR/IKER

Motion: That the BCTC Meeting of October 16, 2018 be adjourned.

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50 PM



Rebecca Blair, Chair



Wilma Clarke, Executive Director



Christine Ducharme, Recording Secretary