Ministry Survey on Awards

The Ministry of Education is seeking feedback from principals and vice-principals (and parents, students, employers, counsellors, teachers) as part of its review and redesign of its Grade 10-12 scholarship and awards program. The goal of the review is to better recognize and support students’ accomplishments and circumstances. It is expected that the consultation will be completed and a new program designed in the 2015/16 school year. The survey closes at 4 pm March 10. Take the survey here: http://bit.ly/1zGl2oL

Healthy Schools BC

Complete this survey for a chance to win one of three iPad Minis

The Healthy Schools BC initiative is asking principals and vice-principals for their perspective on Healthy Schools BC. By completing a brief, confidential survey, you’ll be entered in a draw for a chance to win one of three iPad Minis. Winners to be announced in March. The survey will close on February 20.

To complete the survey visit http://bit.ly/1wlSSoB
To read the summary report for year one visit http://bit.ly/1yLGSUa

Leadership opportunities

Saanich invites applications for Assistant Superintendent, with a start date of August 1. The successful candidate will be recognized as an exemplary school principal and will have a strong district profile in effective leadership as well as a commitment to lifelong learning. Essential candidate attributes include a strong background in secondary and middle education including exemplary principal experience, post-secondary transitions including leadership in articulation with post-secondary institutions, planning within an accountability framework, and district-wide leadership in creating relevant and modern learning environments. Applications must be received by 4 pm, February 10. For details, visit http://bit.ly/1D4SGVw

Greater Victoria invites applications for anticipated vice-principal openings for August. Successful candidates will be assigned to schools depending on vacancies. Candidates must demonstrate excellence in teaching and leadership in: Implementing Ministry, District and school goals while establishing a culture of staff professional development; Promoting learning opportunities for students; Implementing innovative practices; Developing and maintaining effective decision-making processes; Fostering a culture of continuous learning; and Advocating for public schools. Applications must be received by 4 pm February 11. Visit http://bit.ly/1AHzWuK for details
Leadership opportunities from previous page

Abbotsford invites applications for Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education. The core portfolio of the Assistant Superintendent will be to continue providing leading-edge development to SD34’s elementary schools, ensuring that the Board’s plans for childhood literacy and numeracy are achieved across the District. The Assistant Superintendent is also responsible for expanding on the district’s partnerships with community social service organizations. For details, visit http://bit.ly/1CbDG7M

Plans for the 38th annual Short Course are well underway. Short Course 2015 will take place on the UBC campus, July 6 – 10. Developed in partnership with UBC, Short Course is an intensive, one-week (44 scheduled contact hours) program designed to provide new school leaders with an opportunity to hone the skills necessary for success in their new roles. The course work contains a blend of research and practical application that creates an essential understanding of what principals and vice-principals need to know and how to accomplish it. Participants are immersed in the realities of school administration and given the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed in their new roles. The program is based on the Leadership Standards for Principals & Vice-Principals in British Columbia. Each day of the program focuses on one of the four Domains of the Standards (Moral Stewardship, Relational Leadership, Instructional Leadership, and Organizational Leadership). The concluding session evolves around our BC education partners.

Short Course registration opens this month

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Janet Steffenhagen & Kurt Heinrich at UBC/PDK

UBC Phi Delta Kappa is sponsoring a February 26 dinner meeting, featuring Janet Steffenhagen (former Vancouver Sun education reporter) and Kurt Heinrich (Public Relations Manager, VSB). Working with the media will address issues such as reporters’ objectives, preparing for bad news, identifying good news and how to get publicity. The event is scheduled from 5 to 8 pm at Vancouver’s Arbutus Club. The price is $55 for members, $75 for non-members.

To reserve a space email Eileen Phillips, (ephillips555@gmail.com) no later than 12 noon February 23.

Three learning opportunities

- Learning Forward BC presents Innovation in Times of Transition: Leading with Clarity, Feb 26, 4 to 7 pm, Burnaby Central Secondary. The event will feature three district teams, from Surrey (moving away from traditional reporting systems), Burnaby (Aboriginal ways of learning) and North Vancouver (creating a learning organization) that will show innovative approaches to implementing the new BC curriculum. The cost is $40 and includes a light dinner. There will be a second, follow-up event, with a separate registration required, on April 9th. To register visit http://learningforwardbc.ca/events/

- Supporting Success for Each Learner (Inclusion: A belief system for all) is the BCSSA Spring Forum which is scheduled for April 15 at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver. Speakers include Faye Brownlie, Leyton Schnellert and Shelley Moore who will support teams to continue to lead and build inclusive possibilities and practices. The registration and program information are here: http://www.bcssa.org/springforum2015/

- Digital Learning (DL) Spring Conference — Connect. Engage. Grow. Fostering Community Online — will be held in Burnaby, April 19-21. Conference organizers hope to see many administrators and educators who are already working in DL or who are interested in learning more about DL and the potential that can be realized by partnerships between DL and neighbourhood schools. For conference information visit http://conference.learnnowbc.ca/

Nominations now open for the BCPVPA’s 2015 Partnership Awards

The BCPVPA is now accepting nominations from Chapters for its annual Partnership Awards. The Awards recognize the valuable support provided to principals, vice-principals, teachers and students by a variety of people and organizations who share their time, energy and expertise to support schools. The winners last year were Anne Mae Rae (nominated by the Vernon PVPA); Patty Lou Bryant representing the Food for Thought program (nominated by the Central Okanagan PVPA); Pastor Andy Sebanc representing Green Timbers Covenant Church, (nominated by the Surrey PVPA); and Mike Csoka and Donna Yates, founders of the Chilliwack Bowls of Hope Society, (nominated by the Chilliwack PVPA). Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 3, 2015. The Awards will be presented at the May 2015 Chapter Council meeting.

Friday Forum  February 20
Marriott Airport Hotel (Richmond) • 9 am – 3:15 pm
Breakfast will be available from 8:00 to 8:45 am • Lunch is included

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Establishing a Twitter Presence to Enrich your Professional Learning Network with Dan Watt (SD57)

Registration: http://bit.ly/1wqLxd9

AdmInfo

Call for articles
Best Practise < Research > Reflection Engage ment < Innovation > Achievement

AdmInfo is accepting articles (and proposals for articles) for the next five issues (April through February 2016). We welcome your articles on practical issues related to school leadership and management, action research & those that are thesis-based or reflective.

Completed articles, queries or questions are welcome: email rwilliams@bcpvpa.bc.ca
On the move?
If you've moved or changed schools, email
jennifer@bcpvpa.bc.ca
who will update your records

President Gordon Li
on education’s global challenge

T
ony MacKay, Yong Zhao, Stuart Shanker, David Albury, and via video connection Andreas Schleicher were among the big name draws at the Ministry of Education’s BC Focus on Learning: Rising to the Global Challenge which was held, and webcast, in Vancouver last Thursday. The event drew an array of participants from virtually every field imaginable and the discussions were anything but status quo.

Numerous media articles were generated, with a sampling below:

http://bit.ly/1A8mc8c
Tracy Sherlock in the Vancouver Sun: ’Innovation schools’ will test, evaluate new education models (Education minister makes announcement at forum with experts, business leaders, students)

http://bit.ly/1Kyve5P
Katie Hyslop in the Tyee: Education Experts Dish on Best Learning Practices: Five takeaways from a BC forum on learning

http://bit.ly/1zFN6Rk
Tamsym Burgmann in the Globe and Mail: B.C. eyes personal learning as expert calls for end to standardized testing

The webcast archive is available at http://bit.ly/1C5jZzN

On Thursday I visited colleagues in Coquitlam where I had the opportunity to see Maillard Middle School’s (Mark Clay, Principal and Deidre James VP) Aboriginal medicine garden. At this time of year, the school’s wrestling and basketball teams are busy, the Choir is practising, and every morning there’s a nutritious breakfast program. The school certainly lives up to its mission “To create a dynamic, safe and caring learning community dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and excellence.”

I also saw the new school construction taking place at Centennial Secondary, (Rob Zambrano, Principal, Janine Close, Glen Conley and Bryn Williams, VPs). The new construction is “designed around six learning communities … each including wet labs, class spaces that can be increased or decreased in size, teacher pod area and student meeting spaces.” There will also be a ’state-of-the-art teaching kitchen to support the school's culinary program and a and a 260-seat theatre.’ The School has a remarkable
array of activities including athletics, business, ESL, transitions, and work experience. The power of good relationships are at work throughout the school.

I also learned about the opportunities available through the three sites operated by Coquitlam Open Learning, (Krisztine Trumley, Principal). The programs offered include a DL component for K-9; blended delivery, upgrade and continual entry for 10-12; and, for adult learners, high school upgrades for post-secondary programs, towards an Adult Dogwood Diploma, plus blended, upgrade and continual entry courses.

My thanks to everyone who took the time to meet with me and share their thoughts and concerns. Your input is invaluable.

*Have a great long weekend, Gordon*
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Connecting Leaders
Inspiring Learning
May 11-14, Chateau Whistler

5 keynote speakers
More than 30 sessions
Cultural dinner
Relevant exhibitors
Cross Canada networking

Registration http://bit.ly/1utETY2
2015

February 19 – 21, San Diego, CA
Ignite 14
The annual conference of the National Association of Secondary School Principals is built around the “unique challenges of middle and high school leaders.”
Information: [http://www.nasspconference.org/](http://www.nasspconference.org/)

February 22, Richmond
BCPVPA Friday Forum ([Free for BCPVPA members](http://bit.ly/1wqLxd9))
Join your colleagues for a day of learning and sharing that will feature: Effective strategies and resources for helping anxious youth with Dr. Kristin Buhr, AnxietyBC. In addition, there will be four presentations on the effective use of technology: 1) From Alternate to Innovative: Re-engaging the Disengaged Learner with John Tyler (SD61); 2) Mobile Learning with Allen Beckingham (SD67); 3) Blogging with Ian Landy (SD83); and, Establishing a Twitter Presence to Enrich your Professional Learning Network with Dan Watt (SD57).

February 24-25, Ashcroft, BC
Learning Round: Elementary and Secondary Connected Learning
Gold Trail is sponsoring an two-day event which features: collaborations to deliver lessons that encourage critical thinking; structures that support professional learning/collaborative teaching; and students connecting with peers in distant communities to create new learning partnerships.
Email: pat.dooley2010@gmail.com or bhaller@sd74.bc.ca
February 26, Burnaby, BC (4 to 7 pm)
Innovation in Times of Transition: Leading with Clarity
Participants will “examine what is important right now, explore strategies to create clarity, move toward action.” There will be a second, follow-up event, with a separate registration required, on April 9th.
Information: [http://learningforwardbc.ca/events/](http://learningforwardbc.ca/events/)

February 26 – 27, Phoenix, AZ
Winter Institute
Learning Forward invites participants to choose from one of the following: Transforming Professional Learning; Learning-Focused Feedback; or Developing Facilitation and Presentation Skills
Information: [http://learningforward.org/](http://learningforward.org/)

February 27 – March 1, San Diego, CA
Bridging the Hearts and Minds of Youth
Discover Mindfulness’s annual conference addresses issues around bullying and teen violence; marginalization and discrimination; the obesity epidemic; body image and eating disorders; substance use and abuse; the challenges and opportunities of media and technology; depression, anxiety and chronic illness.
Information: [http://discovermindfulness.ca/events/](http://discovermindfulness.ca/events/)

March 25 –28, Toronto, ON
Crossing Borders, Building Bridges
The annual TESOL conference features Sonia Nieto, Jun Liu, Lourdes Ortega, Michael Byram, Yilin Sun, and Jim Cummins.

April 9-10, Sechelt, BC
The Heart of the Matter
The provincial conference for the Association for Community Education in BC will feature Mary Gordon, Sue Montabello, John Talbot, Michael Claque and others.
Information: [http://heartofthematter.eventzilla.net](http://heartofthematter.eventzilla.net)

April 15, Vancouver, BC
Supporting Success for Each Learner
The BCSSA spring Forum features Faye Brownlie, Leyton Schnellert and Shelley Moore.

April 16 – 17, Cleveland, OH
Making the Right Connections
The annual conference of the STEM sectors (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) is intended to build connections between schools, business, and community to help students succeed in these areas.
Information: [http://www.stemcon.net/](http://www.stemcon.net/)
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Information: [http://conference.learnnowbc.ca/](http://conference.learnnowbc.ca/)

April 22-23, Vancouver, BC
September 30-October 1, Toronto, ON
**Inaugural Summit on Emergency & Disaster Planning WEST, for Colleges, Universities & K-12 Schools.**

April 26 – 28, Kelowna, BC
**Peaks & Valleys: Perspectives on Law and Education**
The annual conference of the Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education will be held at the Grand Okanagan Resort.
Information: [http://capsle.ca/](http://capsle.ca/)

April 30 – May 2, Banff, AB
**National Conference of Physical and Health Education Canada**
Delegates are people involved with the health, physical activity and education needs of children and youth including educators, public health, administrators, recreation leaders, physical education specialists and generalists who want more information regarding physical education.
Information: [http://www.phecanada.ca/events/conference2015](http://www.phecanada.ca/events/conference2015)

May 4-6, Vancouver
**Threat Assessment, Stalking and Cyber-Bullying: Assessment and Management Strategies**
Threat assessment, stalking & cyber-bullying (day 1-2) & case review, analysis & decision-making (day 3).
Information: [www.ctrinstitute.com](http://www.ctrinstitute.com) (see BC Workshops)

May 7 - 8, Vancouver
**Conference on Children/Adolescents: Overcoming Behavioural, Emotional & Learning Challenges**

May 7 – 9, New York, NY
**World-Class Minds: Improving Education, Teachers & Testing in a Globalized World**
This Learning and the Brain's conference will feature Steven Pinker, Yong Zhao and Pasi Sahlberg.
Information: [http://www.learningandthebrain.com/Event-300/World-Class-Minds/Program](http://www.learningandthebrain.com/Event-300/World-Class-Minds/Program)

May 8 – 9, Richmond
**Passion and Purpose: Making it Real (Innovative Leadership in BC and Beyond)**
A Network of Inquiry and Innovation Symposium which will enable participants to explore the ways in which the spiral of inquiry is opening up new possibilities for creativity and engagement.
Email: dweaving@dccnet.com

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**Leading for Learning Short Course**

*July 6 - 10, 2015*

Planning Ahead/a supplement to BCPVPA eNews/10
May 11 – 14, Whistler • The Fairmont Chateau Whistler
Connecting Leaders: Inspiring Learning
CAP’s 2015 annual conference will be hosted by the BCPVPA at the Fairmont Hotel Whistler and features Wab Kinew, Jesse Miller, Stephanie Hamilton, Simon Breakspear, Frederick Brown and more than 30 breakout sessions, many of them led by BC educators. Early bird pricing is in effective through December 19.

May 20 – 22, Montreal, PQ
Universal Design for Learning: Canadian Perspectives
The conference targets both K-12 and post-secondary educators and administrators. There are five identified streams and each will be offered specifically with a look at K-12 and post-secondary education respectively.

May 26 – 29, Winnipeg, MA
Beyond Diversity: Learning and Working in an Inclusive World
Information: [http://www.cnie-rcie.ca/?q=node](http://www.cnie-rcie.ca/?q=node)

June 2 – 3, Brisbane, Australia
EduTech
EduTECH® is the Southern Hemisphere’s largest education congress and ed tech expo. In 2015, EduTECH will attract over 8,000 attendees; and will once again host 8 congresses, 8 post-congress masterclasses, official dinner for 900 guests, 250 exhibits, plus extra streams, seminars, TeachMeets and breakouts.
Information: [http://www.edutech.net.au/](http://www.edutech.net.au/)

June 22 – 25, Toronto, ON
CICE-2015
The Canada International Conference on Education is dedicated to the advancement of the theory and practices in education. The CICE promotes collaborative excellence between academicians and professionals from education.
Information: [http://www.ciceducation.org/](http://www.ciceducation.org/)

July 6 – 10, Vancouver, BC
The BCPVPA’s Annual Short Course at UBC for new and nearly-new principals and vice-principals
Information: Coming soon. See eNews, Twitter and our website.

September 30-October 1, Toronto, ON
12th Annual Summit on Emergency & Disaster Planning for Colleges, Universities & K-12 Schools. Two days of content with specialized streams, 20+ interactive sessions and 30+ speakers.

October 23 – 24, Richmond, BC
Connecting Leaders
The BCPVPA’s annual conference.
Information: coming via eNews, Twitter and the BCPVPA website
December 5-9, Washington, DC
The Learning Forward conference features Marc Tucker and Ben Jensen, Michael Garret and Kwang Suk Yoon, Jon Bergmann, Steven Katz and Lisa Dack, Kathryn Parker Boudett, Marcia Tate, Kristen Swanson, Michael Toth, Jim Knight, Carol Jago, and Tim Kanold, and others.
Information: http://learningforward.org/

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December, Vancouver, BC
The Learning Forward (National Staff Development Council) annual conference.
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Get listed: email information about your event to Richard Williams rwilliams@bcpvpa.bc.ca and we will publicize it as space allows.