

Welcome Back

I hope all of you had a terrific summer and are ready for the challenges that face you in this upcoming year.

Over the summer a number of job postings were filled. Congratulations to the following:

Kim Chalmers - Phoenix Program (GISS), Project Based Learning

Boe Beardsmore – SIMS, Student Support Services

Linda Burgess – Fulford, Grade 2/3

Cathy Walker – Phoenix, Learning Assistance Support

Myriah Michaud – Galiano, Learning Assistance Support and Project-based Learning

Peri Lavender –SIMS, Science/Socials 8

Malindi Curtis – Pender, K/1

Shannon Johnston - Phoenix, Primary

Helen Mason – Saturna, Head Teacher

Sarah Bateman – MYSEEC Program

PENSION and SIP

If your age + service = 88 and you have 100 sick days you should withdraw from the long-term portion of LTD payments.

The Teacher website helps with all kinds of calculations related to retirement and buying pension time from certain leaves. The BCTF is also available to help.

BARGAINING

Our Collective Agreement ends on July 1, 2011. We need to get your ideas of what is important. I will be coming around to the different schools starting in mid September and wrapping up in early October. The two main purposes are to give you a little bit of background information and have you fill in a bargaining survey. This will be done electronically. The information part of the meeting will take no longer than 10 minutes guaranteed. I am asking Staff Reps to figure out the best time for this to happen.

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Dates

Mid September to early October
Bargaining Info and Survey – I hope to get to all schools (25 minute meeting)

October 5

Orientation for New Teachers. TTOC interested in attending please contact me by September 24th

October ??

Staff Rep Training, Rep. Assembly Meeting, and General Meeting.

October 22

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September Pay

Your September pay

Effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Step	Cat 4	Cat 4.33	Cat 4.66	Cat 5	Cat 5.33	Cat 5+	Cat 6
0	\$ 42,802	\$ 42,802	\$ 43,415	\$ 45,909	\$ 46,063	\$ 49,298	\$ 50,488
1	\$ 44,872	\$ 45,085	\$ 45,923	\$ 48,537	\$ 48,821	\$ 52,099	\$ 53,351
2	\$ 46,943	\$ 47,368	\$ 48,429	\$ 51,165	\$ 51,579	\$ 54,901	\$ 56,214
3	\$ 49,014	\$ 49,651	\$ 50,935	\$ 53,793	\$ 54,338	\$ 57,703	\$ 59,076
4	\$ 51,084	\$ 51,934	\$ 53,443	\$ 56,421	\$ 57,095	\$ 60,504	\$ 61,939
5	\$ 53,155	\$ 54,217	\$ 55,950	\$ 59,048	\$ 59,852	\$ 63,306	\$ 64,802
6	\$ 55,226	\$ 56,500	\$ 58,456	\$ 61,676	\$ 62,611	\$ 66,107	\$ 67,664
7	\$ 57,296	\$ 58,783	\$ 60,964	\$ 64,304	\$ 65,367	\$ 68,909	\$ 70,527
8	\$ 59,367	\$ 61,066	\$ 63,469	\$ 66,932	\$ 68,127	\$ 71,711	\$ 73,390
9	\$ 61,437	\$ 63,350	\$ 65,977	\$ 69,560	\$ 70,884	\$ 74,512	\$ 76,252
10	\$ 65,414	\$ 65,633	\$ 68,485	\$ 74,353	\$ 74,353	\$ 79,633	\$ 81,489

Give me a call if you have any questions.



Meetings of Note:

The following meetings will have GITA Representation:

September 8th – School Board Meeting at Fernwood (J. Braak)

September 30 – October 2nd Federation Leadership Institute (J. Braak)

October 5th – New Teacher Orientation (J. Braak)

October 6th – PRO-D Committee Meeting (J. Willows/J. Reveley)

October 13th School Board Meeting at Galiano (J. Braak)

October 15th and 16th South Island Zone Meeting (J. Nicolson, P. Hutchinson, R. Huntley, S. Weinert, R. Atkins, and J. Braak)

October 29th and 30th Bargaining Conference (J. Nicolson and J. Braak)

November 5th and 6th Representative Assembly (B. Curtis and J. Braak)



GITA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2010-2011

President - Jack Braak

Past President – John Nicolson

Vice-President – Deb Nostdal

Treasurer – Elaine Jacobson

Professional Development – Jess Willows and
Jessica Reveley

Secretary – Michelle Spencer

Local Representative – Bo Curtis

Bargaining – John Nicolson

Social Justice – Paul Hutcheson

Health and Safety – Robin Huntley

Aboriginal Education – Stella Weinert

Teachers Teaching On Call – Rosemary Kilmer

Professional Dev. (Funds) – Elaine Jacobson

Hospitality – Carol Arnold

Passing Information On To You

Over the past month I have had the opportunity to talk with a number of teachers about a variety of issues. Those teachers wanting me to pass on information regarding education issues please email me at lp64@bctf.ca and indicate that you want information on education issues. Please give me your personal email address rather than school address.

Some Education Topics From the Summer:

- From the USA: “No Child Left Behind” to be replaced by Obama’s “Reach For The Top”. This program has been described by some as Bush’s program on steroids.
- Ontario now will allow teachers to deduct marks and give zeroes for late assignments. This brought about all kinds of questions related to whether or not this allows for accurate assessment of learning outcomes.
- Ministry of Education in B.C. hints at Education Change and plans major announcement for sometime in mid October.

Salt Spring Island’s First Teacher

(information from the Gulf Islands Retired Teachers’ Association – their website link is found on the School District website)

John Craven Jones born in 1834 in Raliegh, North Carolina was Salt Spring’s first teacher. His father was born into slavery and likely bought freedom for his family.

In 1859, he and his brother moved to Salt Spring. His pay for many years was from the families in the form of food and basic needs. His first schoolhouse was built in 1861 at Central. Later a “shack” near Fernwood School was built. He would work between these two schools.

Mr. Jones was the only school teacher on Salt Spring for about twelve years. The government would later appoint a teacher to a school in Burgoyne Valley.

In 1872 , there were 500 students in all of British Columbia and there were 14 public schools. Mr. Jones was one of only 16 public school teachers in B.C..

Check out: GIRTA website for all kinds of historical information.