



North Vancouver Teachers' Association

Local 44 British Columbia Teachers' Federation

L'association des enseignantes et enseignants de Vancouver Nord

From: Daniel Storms, President
To: Chief Staff Representatives, NVTa Members
Date: April 24, 2012

Re: **BCTF Action Plan: Teacher Involvement in Extracurricular Activities**

With the approval of the BCTF Bill 22 Action Plan, the plan authorizes the withdrawal of teacher involvement in extracurricular activities.

As mentioned previously, the NVTa Executive decided that the withdrawal of extracurricular should begin on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, which would allow activities such as field trips and Outdoor School to continue given the short notice following the province-wide vote.

Below is a list of the categories of activities we will be withdrawing from beginning on May 1, 2012, and ending on June 29, 2012. We may provide additional examples in future updates.

Graduation Ceremonies, Awards, Athletic Banquets Etc.

Graduation ceremonies, awards nights, athletic banquets etc. that are organized or occur outside of instructional time are extracurricular, and teachers will refrain from participating in these activities outside of instructional time.

What This Means

Educational Leadership Days can be used during instructional time to plan such activities but teachers will not be participants in these activities.

For example, teachers can sit in the audience for their school's graduation ceremony but would not be on the stage.

Awards nights and athletic banquets need to be planned during instructional time with release time provided. Teachers could attend these events if they choose to do so.

Field Trips and Camps Etc.

Field trips, camps etc. can occur during instructional time and teachers will refrain from participating in overnight or multi-day field trips that have an overnight component.

What This Means

Field trips, camps etc. can occur during instructional time and teachers **will refrain** from participating in overnight or multi-day field trips that have an overnight component, **unless the Board provides for an administrator, CUPE staff member, parent, or community member to assume responsibility for all supervision duties outside of instructional hours.**

Athletic Teams and Clubs (Elementary & Secondary)

Athletic teams and clubs that are organized or occur outside of instructional time are extracurricular, and teachers will refrain from participating in these activities outside of instructional time.

What This Means

Athletic teams and clubs can occur during instructional time and teachers will refrain from participating outside of instructional time. An administrator, CUPE staff member, parent, or community member will assume all coaching and/or supervisor responsibilities outside of instructional hours.

Concerts and Performances

Concerts and performances that are organized or occur outside of instructional time are extracurricular and teachers will refrain from participating in these activities outside of instructional time.

What This Means

Concerts and performances can occur during instructional time and if they take place outside of the school, such activities can be considered a single day field trip.

Any evening concert or performance can occur so long as an administrator, CUPE staff member, parent, or community member assumes all supervisory and/or conducting responsibilities during such concerts and performances.

Outdoor School/Big House

Outdoor School is a co-curricular programme that allows for hands-on enrichment of curriculum. In addition, we have NVTa colleagues who normally work at Outdoor School.

Teachers have volunteered their time in providing supervision, which is certainly extracurricular.

What This Means

Given the short notice, classes that are planning to go to Outdoor School for the remainder of April 2012 will operate as normal.

For May and June 2012, teachers who attend Outdoor School/Big House with their students will fully participate during instructional hours but will not provide any supervision or instruction of students outside of instructional hours.

All evening and overnight supervision of students will have to be provided by administrators, CUPE staff members, parents or community members.

The school district will need to plan and coordinate appropriate staffing levels for evening and overnight supervision of students outside of instructional hours.

Scholarship Committees

Given the number of community and academic scholarships and bursaries available, scholarship committees should continue to meet during instructional hours but with release time provided.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Chris Miller or myself at the NVTa office or by email.

--Daniel Storms