

STA CONNECTION



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Salmonberry Time

Truth and Reconciliation

With lots of discussion about housing and inflation these days, this is an invitation to learn about the economic impacts of the Indian Act on the lives of Indigenous people. Imagine the government being able to lease out your land without your permission? That's part of the history of Canada. [Read more](#)



STA Annual General Meeting

Election Results

On Wednesday, May 18, there was an election for 21 positions on the 2022-23 Executive Committee and 7 positions on the 2022-23 Resolutions Committee. Thank you to everyone who put their name forward. Congratulations to all successful candidates!



Jatinder Bir
President



Lizanne Foster
First Vice-President



Gavin Hainsworth
Second Vice-President



Amrit Sanghe
Grievance Officer



Gavin Slade-Kerr
Health & Safety/
Grievance Officer



Dana Neidig
Accommodation
Support Officer



Pauline Veto
Professional Support
Services Officer



Erin Coleman
Professional
Development Officer

Local Representative to the BCTF (Adult Education): Rick Kumar

Local Representatives to the BCTF: Kevin Amboe, Violette Baillargeon, Angela Marcakis, Annie Ohana, Ziyad Shukri

Secretary-Treasurer: Melissa Sumpton

TTOC/Early Career Rep: Harmit Bharaj

Member at Large designated for a Member of Colour: Marilyn Ricketts-Lindsay

Member at Large designated for an Aboriginal Member: Jacquie King

Members at Large: Gioia Breda, Joanna Cerazy, Anne McNamee

Resolutions Committee: Marilyn Carr, Regie Plana-Alcuaz, Marilyn Ricketts-Lindsay, Daniel Barton, Derek Imai, Melanie Miki, Michele Dickinson

Annual General Meeting – Budget

The AGM continues on **Wednesday, May 25 at 4pm**. Agenda Items: 2022-23 budget, union dues, by-law and policy changes, international Pro-D draws. [Register now](#) to receive the meeting documents and Zoom link.

Five Weeks to Summer Break!

The last stretch of a marathon is always the toughest and this marathon of a year has been exceptionally challenging. Hang in there! To help you get through a difficult day, perhaps think about what you'll do this summer to relax and rejuvenate.



Collective Agreement Notes

To learn more, please visit the [Collective Agreement](#).

Job Share

The STA has signed a one-year agreement with the employer that allows district pool teachers to retain their district pool positions and to enter into a job share. If your job share was initially denied due to your district pool position, the employer should have notified you already that the job share can go ahead. [Read the full agreement](#)

If you have any questions, contact Erin pd@surreyteachers.org.

School Calendar for 2022 – 2023

The Ministry of Education has adjusted the school calendar in order to include a new statutory holiday on September 30, National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Members are urged to check with their admin about how this change has impacted school schedules starting next year. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Kelli O'Malley at grieve2@surreyteachers.org. [Read more](#)

TTOC Experience Transfer

TTOC experience is not automatically factored into your pay level when you get a contract so you need to apply to have it transferred. The deadline to apply to have your TTOC Experience transferred to your Contract Teaching Experience is Thursday, June 30! Sign and send the form to the District (Attn: HR/Payroll). It might make you eligible for an incremental increase in September! [Read more](#)

Health and Safety

Heightened emotions before summer break

As we draw close to the final days of the school year, anxiety may be high which may lead to more frequent expressions of anger. We encourage members to learn more about what anger is and is not in this piece originally published in December last year just before winter break. [Read more](#)

Violence in Schools

Sadly, violence in schools has long affected our members and continues to do so. The STA and the District have recently formed a working group to tackle this important issue. Violent incidents must be reported to the district. As a follow-up to the report, there should an employee safety plan developed. Reporting is very important because an injury may worsen due to repeated violent incidents. [Read more](#)

Health & Safety Rep Training CHANGE

We've now opened up these workshops to *all STA members of Health and Safety Committees* who are now hereby invited to join this workshop on **May 25 or May 27, 2022** from 8:45 am to 2:45 pm to review the WCB section on violence protection and learn about the process of refusal of unsafe work in the school context. [Register now](#)



Professional Development

Summer Pro-D

Meetings to decide on summer Pro-D should happen *after Round Two* so that the staff who will be at the school in September are able to vote. Remember that the meeting can happen at any time as long as staff have one week's notice. The vote must be in person, by *secret ballot*, at a staff meeting with the principal present with no votes by proxy or email. Please note that the STA has asked the district several times to change the rules about summer Pro-D votes without success. [Read more](#)

Announcements

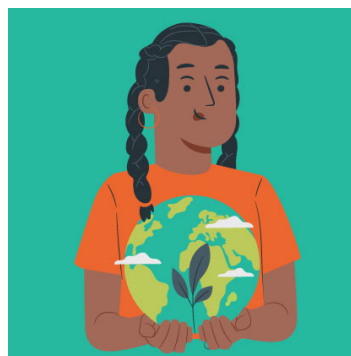
STA Retirement Celebration: June 10

Are you retiring this year? Please let Donna Stewart know at accounting@surreyteachers.org to help us keep an accurate list of 2021/2022 retirees for the STA retirement celebration. Invitations to this event have been distributed so please pass on the message to anyone you know who may be retiring this year.



Empowered Girls Conference: May 24

Grade 7-12 teachers are invited to register their class to join us at the "Empowered Girls' Conference: Taking Action on Climate and Environmental Justice", on **Tuesday, May 24, 2022** from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. [Register](#) to receive the Zoom link. Please contact us if you have any questions at marcakis_a@surreyschools.ca.



Saffron Threads Online Launch

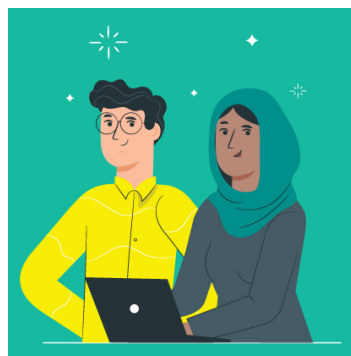
On May 25, there will be a launch of the K-12 learning resource Saffron Threads that focuses on South Asian Canadian history, heritage, and culture in BC. [Register here](#)



New Teachers' Conference for TTOCs

Are you new to teaching? Do you have questions about what your union has to offer? Your pay cheque? For answers, you can attend our New Teachers' Conference for TTOCs that will be held on June 9, 2022 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the STA Office. Release time is provided for you to attend. [Register now](#)

Note: This event is for Teachers Teaching on-Call who do not have a part-time contract.



Young Worker Pub Night: June 9

Hosted by the STA Young Worker Committee, this event for members aged 35 and under is aimed at connecting with our profession's leaders of tomorrow! Come meet the Young Worker team, socialize in a friendly and supportive environment, and share your ideas on future events! There will be games to play and awesome prizes to be won! [Register now](#)

Please note: The social space at the Dublin Crossing Irish Pub is on the second floor of the venue. There are stairs that may provide difficulty for some participants. Contact reception@surreyteachers.org if you have questions.

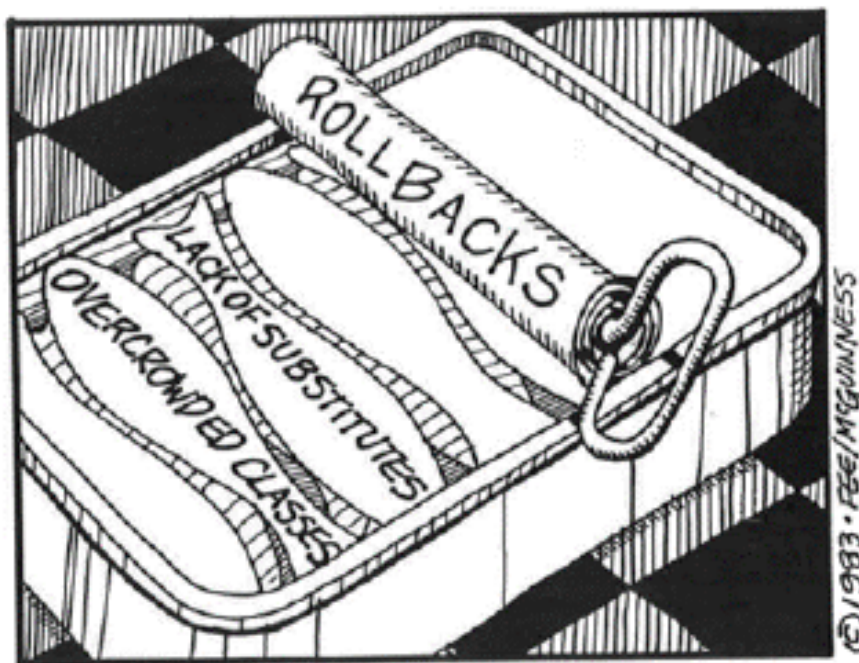


Shout Out!

To be included in the next draw for a \$25 Indigo gift certificate, [submit your "shout outs"](#) before 4pm on Friday, May 27, 2022.



Blast from the Past



Upcoming Events

May 24

[Empowered Girls' Conference](#)

May 25

[AGM – Budget](#)

[Health & Safety Rep Training](#)

NWDLC meeting

May 26

Ad Hoc LGBTQ2S+ Committee

TTOC Advisory Committee

May 27

BCTF Spring Representative Assembly

[Health & Safety Rep Training](#)

May 31

Executive Committee

June 1

STARA Steering Committee

Health and Safety Committee

June 6

Ad Hoc Environmental Justice Committee

Pro-D Committee

Awards Committee

June 7

Status of Women Committee Dinner Meeting

June 8

Bargaining Committee

June 9

[New Teachers Conference \(TTOCs\)](#)

[Young Worker Pub Night](#)

Indigenous Education Committee at Milestones

June 10

STA Retirement Celebration

June 13

TTOC EI workshop

June 12

Executive Committee

June 15

Year End STARA meeting

June 16

Status of Women Committee Wellness Event

PA/PR Committee

Education Governance Committee

June 20

Grievance Committee

June 23

Young Worker Committee

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that STA members have the privilege of working on the unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish peoples, the q'w'a:ḥł'əḥ (Kwantlen), q'ícəy (Katzie), qiqéyt (Qayqayt) and semi'a:mu: (Semiahmoo) who have cared for this land for thousands of years, and who continue to care for this land. As educators, we are committed to actions aimed at healing the broken relationship between settlers and Indigenous peoples.