



CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

BCTF Annual General Meeting

Surrey Teachers' Association

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This year marks the 107th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF). Throughout the long history of the Federation, generations of teachers have come together every year to discuss and debate the policies and actions that guide the organization.

Much of BCTF policy is created by members via local resolutions submitted to the BCTF AGM. To see examples, have a look at the Members' Guide to the BCTF (<https://bit.ly/BCTF-MembersGuide>)

Most of our policies come from members who felt like the BCTF was lacking or deficient on a particular issue. Or they wanted to bring attention to something they wanted the BCTF act on. Based on your experience or the experiences of your colleagues, does anything come to mind that you would like to see improved? If you have any ideas for the BCTF, we want to hear it!

Each resolution is submitted with a supporting statement containing evidence and argument in support of the resolution. Our Resolutions Committee can help with this part, just ensure you fill in your intent or goal, and the rationale in the form.

Examples of Surrey Resolutions submitted last year:

That the Federation advocate for and encourage faculties of education to include Indigenous history classes in their list of approved Canadian studies as prerequisites for teacher education programs, including through requesting the BC Teachers' Council to engage faculties of education on this issue.

Supporting Statement:

This has three great advantages:

1. It will help to increase the number of Indigenous teachers in our schools. Forcing Indigenous students to student Eurocentric histories is insensitive and not in keeping with our commitment to truth and reconciliation. This is causing us to lose potential Indigenous teacher candidates who are sorely needed as teachers in all of our districts.
2. These courses would provide an excellent way for newcomers to Canada to have a better understanding of the current drive for truth and reconciliation and to understand the vital nature of proper Indigenous education in our schools. It will also help teachers to include Indigenous content in their classes.
3. This resolution would bring universities in line with our secondary four credit Indigenous focused coursework graduation requirement.

That the Federation engage in a media campaign to inform interested parties about the lack of specialist teachers that support students with special needs.

Supporting Statement:

It is urgent as professionals that we inform the public about the discrepancy between the principles of inclusion for students with diverse needs as mandated by the Ministry of Education and the lack of human resources to carry out this duty. The reality of the day-to-day demands placed on teachers needs to be made visible to the public. Our professional body, the Federation, needs to speak on our behalf and inform the public about the truth of the inadequacy of resources needed to educate the children of BC.

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT IDEAS
FOR LOCAL RESOLUTIONS TO THE BCTF**

Please submit your idea by **Friday, October 13, 2023** via email to Angela Marcakis at 2vp@surreyteachers.org, or by courier #000 or fax: 604-594-5176, attention: Resolutions Committee.

Some areas of previous AGM resolutions:

- Annual General Meeting
- Bargaining
- Canadian Labour Congress/BC Federation of Labour
- Certification and Teachers' Council
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Education Policy
- Finance
- Health, Welfare, and Safety of Teachers
- Induction Ceremonies, Awards
- Ministry of Education
- Organization of the BCTF
- Pensions
- Political Action
- Professional Development
- Professional Ethics, Rights, and Standards
- Privatization and Commercialization
- Professional Relations
- Provincial Speciality Associations
- Social Justice
- Teacher Education
- Teachers Teaching on Call

Resolution Submission Form

Name	School
<p>Motion: e.g. THAT the BCTF lobby the provincial government to . . .</p>	
<p>Intent or goal: What do you hope to accomplish with this motion?</p>	
<p>Rationale: Reasons people would support your motion. You may include some background, statistics, as well as arguments.</p>	

The STA Resolutions Committee will help ensure the wording of resolutions and supporting statements submitted to the BCTF AGM are strong.

Resolutions will be adopted at the STA General Meeting after school on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. If you have any questions, please email Angela Marcakis at 2vp@surreyteachers.org.