

Issue 4

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SURREY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

# TOC NEWS

## Dear Teachers,

Congratulations!!!

You have made it through the 2004/2005 school year. There are fewer layoffs this year, which means more jobs available for TOCs. Keep accessing the SD36 website for job opportunities.

There are a few pieces of important information in this newsletter. Please read carefully and contact me if you have any questions. Be sure to call the TOC Hotline periodically through the summer to stay up-to-date with important TOC information.

Have a great summer!

*Sincerely,*

*Béla Kovach*



*Bela Kovach,  
TOC Rep*

### EI Meeting and Year End Celebration

Come and have Francis (BCTF) walk you through the EI process, fill out an application form and learn helpful hints. There will be food and prizes to end the year off right. See you there!!!

**When:** Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:30 pm

**Where:** 9260 140<sup>th</sup> St. District Conference Centre  
Room #1

**What:** Employment Insurance Hints and Year End Celebration

#### Agenda

- 3:30 Welcome/Food/STA Representatives – Bela Kovach
- 4:00 EI Workshop - Francis Zeni (BCTF)
- 5:45 Updates and Prizes

**RSVP**  
**at 604-594-5353**

#### Upcoming Events:

**STA STARA meeting**

**Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00**

**TOC Year End Celebration**

**Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-6:30**

**New TOCs Orientation**

**Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:45-5:30**

**TOC Conference**

**August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**

## Next Year's TOC representative - Elise Rozander



*I've gone to the wrong school. I've shown up late. I've gotten teachers' names wrong. Dressed to teach science, I was told the teacher really taught P.E. I've had to take grade sevens on public transit. While I was teaching, students have thrown paper, tennis balls and clay across the room. I've been included in and excluded from soup day. I've been the only one with normal hair on Wacky Hair Day and twinless on Twin Day. I've been asked, "And who are you today?" more times than I care to count. After four years of TOCing I've seen a lot, but, thankfully, not all.*

*Hi, my name is Elise Rozander and I will be your new TOC Representative. As a current member of the TOC Committee, I've become more involved with TOC issues. I have had opportunities to network with TOCs from other districts at the BCTF AGM and Summer Conference. I look forward to continuing the work started by the TOC committee and past TOC Reps: keeping TOCs informed, offering Professional Development and advocating for TOC rights.*

*I hope you have a fun and relaxing summer. I will see you in the fall.*



# Consolidated Pro-d Fund

## Application Procedures

- ◆ A maximum of **\$350.00 per applicant**, will be available, on a first come, first serve basis.
  - ◆ Teachers may apply for Consolidated Pro-d Funds, for a **single** event, **once** every three years.
  - ◆ Consolidation funds can be used for approved PD events up to August 31 of the following year.
  - ◆ Applications for the **CURRENT** school year will be accepted **AFTER** September 1<sup>st</sup> and up to **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.
  - ◆ ALL STA members are entitled to apply for Consolidation funds, including TOCs and FTTOs
1. Fill in a **Consolidated Pro-d Funding Application Form**. Please include a copy of the conference brochure or information sheet showing agenda and fees .
  2. Forward the form to the STA office (attention STA Pro-d Committee). (*Keep a copy for your own records.*)
  3. You should ensure your application is processed **and approved** by the STA prior to attending the conference/workshop.
  4. You must submit all original receipts, along with a copy of the "**APPROVED**" application form to the STA within 30 calendar days of attending the conference.  
*Receipts for events attended during July-August can be submitted by August 31<sup>st</sup>.*
  5. When submitting forms for reimbursement, **ALL FORMS WITH RECEIPTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE STA OFFICE BY August 31<sup>st</sup>** (*i.e. 4 months after the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for application*)

Please include confirmation of attendance at all pro-d sessions where applicable (i.e. the conference or workshop registration receipt). If you are **NOT CLAIMING** pro-d funds to cover the cost of registration, a copy of the receipt is sufficient, otherwise, you must submit **ORIGINAL RECEIPTS**.

# TOC Summer Conference

## Get ready for the 2005-2006 school year!

August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005  
District Conference Centre

### Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup> (Rookies / Refreshers)

#### Agenda

- 8:30-9:00 Sign-In / Muffins  
9:00-9:30 Welcome / Grouping
- Carousels (Small Groups)**
- 9:35-10:05 **Hints of the Automated Dispatch System**  
- Debbie Anderson, SD#36 Human Resources Department
- 10:10-10:40 **The top 10 most important things of the Collective Agreement for TOCs**  
- Jo-Anne Thornthwaite, Grievance Officer, Surrey Teachers' Association
- 10:40-10:55 Break
- 11:00-11:30 **How do you read and understand the pay-stub?**  
- Kathy Fournier, SD#36 TOC Payroll Department
- 11:35-12:05 **Health and Safety Hints every TOC should know!**  
- Stewart Schon, District Health & Safety Committee
- 12:05-12:45 Lunch - Prizes
- 1:00-2:15 **Art activities for elementary and secondary classrooms - hands-on workshop**  
- Jeanette Jung

To register please:  
Email the STA office at  
[sta@surreyteachers.org](mailto:sta@surreyteachers.org) or  
[sheh\\_1@sd36.bc.ca](mailto:sheh_1@sd36.bc.ca)  
(FirstClass - Lorna Sheh)  
before August 22, 2005

### Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup>

These workshops will be extremely helpful for  
**ALL TOCs (elementary and Secondary)**

#### Agenda

- 8:30-9:00 Sign-In / Muffins  
9:00-10:15 **Writing strategies for elementary and secondary classrooms**  
- Bonnie Skobel, Principal, Literacy expert
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:45 **Reading strategies for elementary and secondary classrooms**  
- Kelly Buis, Author, Literacy expert
- 11:45-12:30 Lunch
- 12:45-2:00 **Math Games - 2 sessions (elementary and secondary)**
- 2:00-2:15 Prizes



# B. C. College of Teachers Fee

Just a reminder that TOCs need to pay the BCCT fee for 2005/06 school year before June 30<sup>th</sup>. The fee remains at \$90. If you authorized the Board to make the deduction automatically, (most TOCs have **NOT** done that) then they will have made an automatic deduction for the 2005/06 fee at the end of April. If not, then you will have to pay the college directly.



How to pay the College Fee:

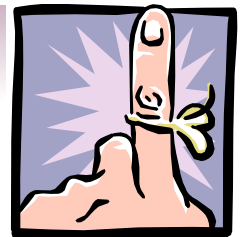
1. Write a check made out to the BCCT and mail it to:  
400 2025 West Broadway  
Vancouver BC  
V6J 1Z6

OR

2. Go to the College website at [www.bcct.ca](http://www.bcct.ca). Click the line regarding fee payment. You will need your membership number and postal code. Payment is by credit card.

Regardless of how you choose to pay, **it is your responsibility to make sure payment has been received.**

## Reminder & Helpful Hints



1. Update your TOC availability - Notify Donna Stafford at Human Resources if you are going to be unavailable for work the upcoming school year. You can e-mail her at [stafford\\_d@sd36.bc.ca](mailto:stafford_d@sd36.bc.ca)
2. There will be a special Staff Bulletin (job opportunities) out on June 20<sup>th</sup> available for TOCs to apply for. Staff Bulletins will be starting up again in mid August. Staff Bulletins open and close over a 4 day period so you will need to check for jobs on a regular basis and respond quickly.
3. Be sure to activate yourself on First Class  
step 1 [www.sd36.bc.ca](http://www.sd36.bc.ca)  
step 2 click on "Surrey Net"  
step 3 click on "SurreyNet Login"  
step 4 user name is your last name underscore first initial (i.e smith\_m)  
If you have a common name, then try last name underscore full first name (i.e. smith\_martha)  
Password -last 2 digits of Social Insurance Number period employee number (XX.XXXXX)
4. New TOCs Orientation: - organized by School District #36 Human Resources Department  
Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
3:45 - 5:30 in Room #2 at the District Conference Centre  
This is open to all new TOCs hired from February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to-date and anyone who may have missed the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Remember that there are many ways TOCs can stay informed**

**TOC Hotline 604-592-8396**

**TOC Website [www.surreyteachers.org](http://www.surreyteachers.org)**

**TOC Monthly Newsletter**

**TOC Bulletin Boards in staffrooms**

**TOC Listserv –virtual staffroom for TOCs**

(to register, e-mail Béla at [Belajoyk@hotmail.com](mailto:Belajoyk@hotmail.com) with e-mail address, employee number and full name)