



B.C. Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association

April 2019 Webinar Series

Tuesday April 9, 2019



The BCPVPA is pleased to announce our April 2019 Webinar series. Each webinar is approximately 40 minutes in length, and you can reserve your participation in any of the sessions below by clicking on the registration link. *Happy learning!*

Tuesday April 16, 4:00 pm

Mentoring & Coaching: Powerful Conversations

Henry Au and Alison Davies

The conversations we have with colleagues every day are opportunities to explore and strengthen professional judgement leading towards desired results and greater self-efficacy. This webinar will examine the qualities of powerful mentor/coach conversations, present a framework for effective conversations and offer examples of impactful questions that help colleagues learn from difficult issues as they arise. We will discuss the dispositions and skills important to such conversations, and in particular the challenges in making space for intentional conversations in highly demanding workplaces.

Henry Au has been a learning leader with the Vancouver School Board since 2013, and prior to that he was an educator in the independent school system for more than 15 years.

Alison Davies has an Education Masters in Curriculum Studies from SFU and has been an elementary teacher since 1990. Alison led the New Teacher Mentoring Project, a joint project of the BCTF, UBC and the BCSSA, from 2012-2017, and has served as coordinator of the BCPVPA Mentorship Program since its inception in 2017.

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Note: the date for this session has been changed from April 11 to April 18

Thursday April 18, 7:30 am

Indigenous Transitions: Improving Transitions for Indigenous Learners through Collaborative Inquiry

Dr. Catherine McGregor

From 2016-2018, 10 educator teams from across BC engaged in a deep exploration of how to better support their Indigenous learners, particularly examining what we call 'transition points', places and times where learners are at risk of losing their connection to schooling and educational success. In this webinar, Dr. McGregor relates some of the powerful learning of the educator teams from across BC who engaged in a deep exploration of how to better support their Indigenous learners and shares a summary

of the principles the teams used along with the context of the work for school leaders across BC.

Dr. Catherine McGregor currently serves as Associate Dean, Graduate Programs and Research in the Faculty of Education at the University of Victoria. Her research is in the area of leadership, and she is particularly interested in investigating the role leaders can play in schools and communities that enable socially just and transformational change, creating equity and inclusive learning environments.

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Tuesday April 23, 4:00 pm

Chapter Transitions: *The New BC Societies Act and the Benefits of Incorporation*

Carol Powell and Kevin Reimer

BCPVPA's Carol Powell and Kevin Reimer invite members to learn more about the recent changes to the Societies Act and how that may impact Chapters around the province. While the BCPVPA's recent work on Chapter governance focused on supporting the incorporation of BCPVPA Chapters who were transitioning from the former Society Act (B.C.) to the Societies Act (B.C.), during this process we realized that other BCPVPA Chapters may be interested in the benefits of incorporation as a B.C. society. Carol and Kevin will share with participants the benefits of incorporation as well as an overview of the model Constitution and Bylaws that Chapters can use as a template when modernizing their own Constitutions and Bylaws.

Carol Powell is a CPA, CGA, and recently celebrated 30 years with the BCPVPA as Manager, Finance.

Kevin Reimer is the BCPVPA Executive Director. Kevin has served as a teacher, Adult Education Principal, and Vice-Principal and Principal since 1998 in Delta and the Comox Valley, and is a former Director and President of the BCPVPA.

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Wednesday, April 24th 4:00 pm

Foundry: *Why to Connect and the Work that Foundry is Doing*

Skye Barbic and Pam Liversidge

Foundry is a Canadian first: a network of centers that offer primary care, mental health care, addictions support, peer support and social services to BC youth ages 12-24. In this webinar, Skye Barbic and Pam Liversidge introduce the mission and vision of Foundry and outline the services, support and the resources & tools for people working in school communities to learn more about supporting student mental wellness.

Skye Barbic is the Foundry Head Scientist, Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia and a member of the Federal Minister of Health's Mental Health Advisory Council. Skye has 16 years of clinical experience as an occupational therapist working with youth and young adults with mental illness and substance use disorders.

Pam Liversidge is the Foundry Executive Director. Pam brings 18 years of strategic level policy experience within the social sector, and worked previously in the provincial government to develop province-wide strategies in Aboriginal housing, child welfare, physician compensation and mental health and substance use.

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Thursday April 25, 7:30am

Focus Schools: Collaboration and School Teams

Kevin Brand, Olivia Densmore, Kerri Steel and Laura Tait

The goal of Focus Schools is to increase literacy achievement for our struggling learners. Collaborative school teams, driven by a deep understanding of our students and their needs, work to implement tiered models of support to enhance the social-emotional wellness of all students. In this webinar, the Nanaimo Team explores the many levels of support required to make Focus Schools successful.

Kevin Brand is currently the Principal of Bayview Elementary in Nanaimo and served for four years as a Principal in both Ladysmith and Fort Rupert (Port Hardy).

Olivia Densmore is a teacher who prioritizes student engagement, assessment-informed practices and teacher collaboration. She currently works in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools as a Literacy Coordinator.

Kerri Steel is currently the Principal of Ladysmith Intermediate School and has served as the Vice Principal of Cedar Elementary and Cedar Secondary Schools, and the District Principal of Learning for the Qualicum School District.

Laura Tait is currently an Assistant Superintendent in the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools. Laura is Tsimshian from Prince Rupert and her mother is from the village of Lax Kw'Alaams. She was born into the Eagle Clan.

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