

BUILDING CAPACITY

Learning -Centred Design



The 3rd annual Provincial Outreach professional learning session will engage educators in a day of authenticity, considering what it takes to nurture individual and system-level growth and achievement through learning-centred design. Aimed at educators working with high school and middle school students, but open to all who are interested, the sessions aim to model effective research-based practice for learning while paying close attention to building capacity within students, staff, and school communities. Emphasis will be given to developing assessment techniques with depth of knowledge in mind and activating the core competencies that lie inextricably within all students and staff alike.

A strong team of presenters will share their experiences regarding curriculum, assessment and reporting knowledge.



BRENDA BALL, Senior School Director, Brockton School

Brenda has been an educator and curriculum developer, in public and independent schools, locally and overseas for over 20 years. Her focus is learner engagement and cultivating curiosity so that students take ownership over their learning. Brenda has served as the Chairperson of the BC Social Studies Teachers Association, was a curriculum developer for the new BC Social Studies program, piloted Harvard's Project Zero visible thinking curriculum, and assisted in developing inquiry-based textbook materials related to the new BC curriculum and the historical thinking skills for Nelson Publishing.

DR. GREG GERBER, Director of Learning, SCSBC

Greg is a passionate educator who is deeply engaged in the practice and scholarship of teaching and learning. He finds great joy in resolving tensions between teachers' espoused learning theory and classroom practice along with sharing clear and creative ways to assist educators in refining and enhancing learner-centered practice. Greg's proficiency in experiential education techniques and commitment to connecting people's previous knowledge and understandings to new learning and discoveries are evidenced in all his workshops. Greg has extensive experience in curriculum and pedagogy design, school leadership, technology integration, and secondary and post-secondary instruction.



DENISE LAMARCHE, Director of Academics, St. Michaels University School

As soon as she began her career at a high school in Quebec, Denise has been passionate about creating innovative learning environments most notably through a culture of collaboration. Since 1995, Denise has held a variety of roles including classroom teacher, Head of Student Services, University Counsellor, and as Director of the Senior School. Denise has also served on various CAIS National Conference Committees, piloted Harvard's Instructional Rounds, and instituted National School Reform Faculty protocols in numerous professional development situations. Currently, as Director of Academics at St. Michaels University School, Denise believes educators should be designing learning from a student-centered and real-world approach that fosters reflection, critical and creative thinking, as well as curiosity.

DARREN SPYKSMA, Director of Learning, SCSBC

Supporting educators in creating learning that is empowering is Darren's driving motivation. In his leadership roles, he seeks to challenge educators to explore ideas that bring schools closer to best practice within a holistic framework. Darren is committed to promoting learning that is built on meaningful relationships, is demanding and rigorous, and is engaging and relevant for the learner. He works with schools to intentionally develop learning experiences that are transformational and enduring. Darren is committed to reconciliation education and actively seeks ways to strengthen relationships between independent schools and First Nations people and organizations.



The new curriculum is on the doorsteps and desktops of secondary schools. High school and middle school teachers, counsellors, and administrators are encouraged to attend to learn strategies for shifting from the old curriculum, along with corresponding pedagogies and structures, to the new within the unique architecture of the graduation years.

PROVINCIAL OUTREACH & REGIONAL TOUR 2018

NOTE:

These sessions are offered free of charge. However, participants that do not attend will be assessed a \$50 fee since the events are planned and costed on the number of registrants. Failure to attend also denies a seat to those that have been waitlisted.

(Cancellation accepted at no cost with 7 days notice)

TO REGISTER:

Please click on the dates or visit www.fisabc.ca

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PROVINCIAL OUTREACH</u> (registration links)	<u>REGIONAL TOUR</u> (registration links)
PRINCE GEORGE	October 9 (Tues) Pro-D Westside Academy	October 9 (Tues) RT Westside Academy
DAWSON CREEK	October 10 (Wed) Pro-D Mountain Christian School	October 10 (Wed) RT Mountain Christian School
SURREY	October 12 (Fri) Pro-D Precious Blood Parish (Cloverdale Catholic School)	October 11 (Thurs) RT Precious Blood Parish (Cloverdale Catholic School)
TERRACE	October 15 (Mon) Pro-D Centennial Christian School	October 15 (Mon) RT Centennial Christian School
VANCOUVER	October 19 (Fri) Pro-D King David High School	October 18 (Thurs) RT King David High School
CRANBROOK	October 25 (Thurs) Pro-D Kootenay Christian Academy	~ NO Regional Tour ~
KELOWNA	October 26 (Fri) Pro-D Kelowna Christian School	October 25 (Thurs) RT Kelowna Christian School
ABBOTSFORD	October 29 (Mon) Pro-D Creekside Centre	October 29 (Mon) RT Dasmesh Punjabi School
NANAIMO	November 1 (Thurs) Pro-D Nanaimo Christian School	~ NO Regional Tour ~
VICTORIA	November 2 (Fri) Pro-D St. Patrick's Parish Hall	November 1 (Thurs) RT St. Patrick's Parish Hall

- **Pro-D:** from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
- **Regional Tour:** from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Please note: If the **Provincial Outreach** is held on a **Friday**, the **Regional Tour** will occur on the **Thursday evening** before.

The **REGIONAL TOUR** is provided for administrators and board members to address regulatory and policy issues from the Independent Schools Branch - Ministry of Education, and advocacy issues supported by FISA BC. Presentations will be given by representatives of ISB and FISA BC including Theo Vandeweg and Shawn Chisholm.