

CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE VICE-PRESIDENT

Clint Johnston (BCTF)

ELECTION STATEMENT

The pandemic that changed our world last Spring continues to impact our lives—personal, professional, or organizational. We all adapted to the new reality and learned from each experience while continuing our collective advocacy. The moves by governments across the country to radically alter education policy and side-step contracts did not pause during COVID. Indeed, the principals of Disaster Capitalism are in use by some and require a strong and collective voice of advocacy to oppose it. The CTF must continue to connect our organizations and support all of us by providing a flow of information that allows us to challenge these policies with a common message.



Many of us have begun or will begin bargaining soon and will face strong calls for austerity and “cooperation” from government. We will greatly benefit from continuing to provide each other ideas and support through the CTF that ensure our members don’t bear the brunt of these calls. We know neo-liberal governments and private interests have seen opportunity in this crisis, and must: protect our members’ rights, protect our professionalism, protect students’ learning, and protect publicly funded public education.

I would be privileged to continue advocating for and representing colleagues across the nation.



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Clint Johnston is currently serving his fourth year as a CTF Vice-President and has both chaired and sat on numerous committees in that time. As CTF VP he is a Board member and represents the CTF as needed. Clint attended the EI World Congress in July 2019 as head of the CTF delegation and has also participated in the ISTP in the past. This international advocacy enhances the knowledge Clint gained participating in the BCTF's international solidarity work, particularly reviewing a PD project for rural teachers in Bolivia alongside OSSTF colleagues.

Provincially, Clint is the First Vice-President of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF). This is his fifth year as a fully released officer and his sixth on the Provincial Executive. Clint also served three years as Local President in Chilliwack prior to joining the Provincial Executive Committee. The result of these experiences mean Clint has good local, provincial, federal and international understanding on a broad scope of union issues.

Clint lives in Vancouver, BC. He and Holly have five children in the public education system in BC, four of whom have entered the late French Immersion program in pursuit of speaking both of our national languages fluently.