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The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalms 34:18



Thoughts from Gayle...

REMEMBERING DOUG

Thanks so much for the thoughts, prayers and kind gestures after Doug's passing. We are all still trying to figure out how to continue "Living the Story" without Doug by our side, but walking this path with a wide and supportive community is helpful and a blessing.

NEW PCCE STAFF MEMBER



I am very pleased to introduce our newest PCCE staff member: **Hugo VanderHoek**. Hugo has a wealth of experience as both a teacher and leader in Alberta and BC Christian schools and has a passion for seeing Christian schools thrive. Hugo currently is the principal at Providence Christian Schools where his position is not quite full-time, so he has some space to add the PCCE responsibilities. His main role at PCCE will be to serve as a support and consultant for our independent schools who have some specific and unique needs. Contact information: hugovanderhoek@gmail.com; cell/text: 403 849 0743

2018 TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Approximately 340 educators and support staff gathered for our annual Teachers' Convention at Gateway Christian School in Red Deer. We enjoyed keynote speaker, Carlos Whittaker, who was able to make us laugh while encouraging us to reflect on our own lives and what we do with all the moments we are given. Workshops were also appreciated by participants. As always, the singing was a highlight and, in particular, the Friday morning "Worship Huddle" - have a [LISTEN](#) (Thanks to Drayton Christian for the video) Next year's convention will be **October 24-25, 2019** in Edmonton.



TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION 101

For the 2 days prior to Teachers' Convention 40 teachers from 15 schools immersed themselves in Teaching for Transformation. They engaged in a wide variety of learning experiences while articulating their Deep Hope for their students and beginning to design a Storyline for their classrooms. Part 2 will be held in early 2019.



SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENRICHMENT SEMINAR



Along with our colleagues in BC, we hosted the first Senior Leadership Enrichment Seminar for about 15 Executive Directors and Superintendents. We met for a jam-packed 24 hours of learning, encouraging, working and eating together. Our speaker was Dr. Melanie Humphreys, the president of The King's University, who spoke to us about the TKU journey toward an **inclusive** learning community. The group will meet again in April in BC.

PCCE PLAYBOOK

One aspect of our Playbook is updating our communications platform.

Follow [@Prairiecentre](#) on Twitter for updates on events and worthwhile articles.

We have a new website at www.pcce.ca. Our goal is to use this space for collegial conversations, sharing of resources & best practices and as a repository of helpful resources. All teachers, school-based leaders, administrative staff and board members have access to the "members only" section. While we are still working on the "usability" we encourage you to log in and verify/update your information. As more features become available, we will let you know. **You should have received your login information on November 1, 2018 via your school email address.** If you did not receive this login info please let the [PCCE Office](#) know.

Teachers

NEW TEACHER BOOK GIFTS



At Teachers' Convention, we had books for all new teachers or new to PCCE teachers.

If you did not get yours, please let the [PCCE Office](#) know.

GREAT CLASSROOM HINTS AND TIPS!

If you use Google Classroom, you may want to follow [@alicekeeler](#) on Twitter. Tons of practical hints and tips!

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Looking for a learning adventure this summer?

Several international opportunities are available:

Our sister organization in **Australia** is hosting an international [Teachers' Conference](#) July 15-17, 2019. We are looking to organize a Study Tour following the conference, where we would visit several schools to learn from our innovative Aussie colleagues. Contact Gayle if you want to be kept "in the loop" as plans evolve.

EduDeo is planning a teacher trip to **Zambia** in July (exact dates TBD). More details will be given as they become available.

Our colleagues in BC are inviting PCCE educators to join them on a Study Tour to **Israel**. A brochure with more details is found [HERE](#). Deadline for application has been extended to **December 1, 2018**.

Administrators

THE LEADERSHIP COHORT EXECUTIVE

The Leadership Cohort Executive met on October 31, 2018.

- Jason Visser is the new chairperson. Lydia Stoesz and Donavin Simmons were welcomed as new members.
- With Hugo VanderHoek now working at PCCE, we need a new Leadership Cohort representative (Principal, Assistant Principal or Executive Director) for the PCCE Board. If you are interested or have a recommendation, please contact [Gayle](#) ASAP.
- Rod Wilson will be the keynote speaker at our May 9-10, 2019 LC conference.
- We are planning to host a fall 2019 gathering (October 3-4, 2019 potentially) for our Leadership Cohort. More details will be given as they become available.
- Jason Visser is in his last year on the Executive and as such we will need a new South rep next year (region includes Calgary and areas south). Contact Jason if you're interested. Principals, assistant principals and executive directors are eligible.

VAN LUNEN PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

[VanLunen](#) Program applications are now being accepted (**February 2019 deadline**). The Van Lunen program is an exceptional learning & equipping program for school leaders. If you would like to learn more, contact [Gayle](#).

PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Although the deadline is tomorrow!! (November 2, 2018) Christian Schools International "[Principal Development Institute](#)" is accepting applications. Florida in January!!

REDESIGNING THE BIBLE PROGRAM

If your school community is interested in redesigning your Bible program, we have developed a comprehensive professional learning program to lead you through the process. Contact the [PCCE Office](#) for more details.

School Boards

BOARD RESOURCES

Board Chairs should have received an important letter outlining a "Call to Action." If you did not receive it, please contact the [PCCE Office](#).

Everyone



We're updating and expanding our social media presence!

Check out our [new website](#). You will have received a personal invitation via email that will allow you to access the "members only" resources.

Also be sure to visit [PCCE on Twitter!](#)



Important Dates

APRIL 13, 2019

PCCE AGM Calgary, AB

APRIL 25-26, 2019

Senior Leadership Enrichment Seminar

MAY 9-10, 2019

PCCE Leadership Cohort Conference