

Meet your Executive Committee for 2018/2019

# THE B.C. EARLY CAREER TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Supporting New & Early-Career Teachers and TTOCs



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# BCECTA

# EXECUTIVE

**President - Amanda Long - Coquitlam**

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**-Alexandra Adhikary - Peace River North**

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**Webmaster - Mark Morrison - Greater Victoria**

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**Member-at-large - Cassia Drozdzik -Surrey**

**Member-at-large - Linnea Wolfe - UBC Student Teacher**

**Member-at-large - Lisa Herten - Coquitlam**

**Member-at-large - Victoria Grandy - SFU Student Teacher**

**We are one of the newest Professional Specialist Association of the BCTF.**

Did you know that there hasn't been a new PSA in British Columbia in over 10 years? We are pleased to be supporting Teachers-Teaching-on-Call and early career teachers in their first years of teaching. We welcome all teachers, no matter your age, experience or teaching area. We are expanding our communications to include Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest, while expanding our website as our main resource for providing members with support. We are always updating BCECTA's projects on a daily basis. Check back often; there's more to come

[www.bcecta.ca](http://www.bcecta.ca) !

## **Our Policy:**

To support the work of early career teachers and teachersteachingoncall by means of special services, resources, networking, and advocacy while working toward appropriate and accessible professional development pportunities to meet the unique and diverse needs of new teachers and build a culture of belong to a PSA (Provincial Specialist Association) early in a teacher's career.

## **Our Mission:**

To serve as a dedicated resource for new and early career teachers in British Columbia. We believe that high quality, beginning teacher professional learning should be:

- Pragmatic and classroom oriented
- Accessible in terms of proximity and cost
- Relevant to the teacher, school, and classroom environment
- Proven effective based on research, best practices, and program evaluation
- Based on students' and teachers' needs
- Continuously based in a growth mindset

# BCECTA AGM

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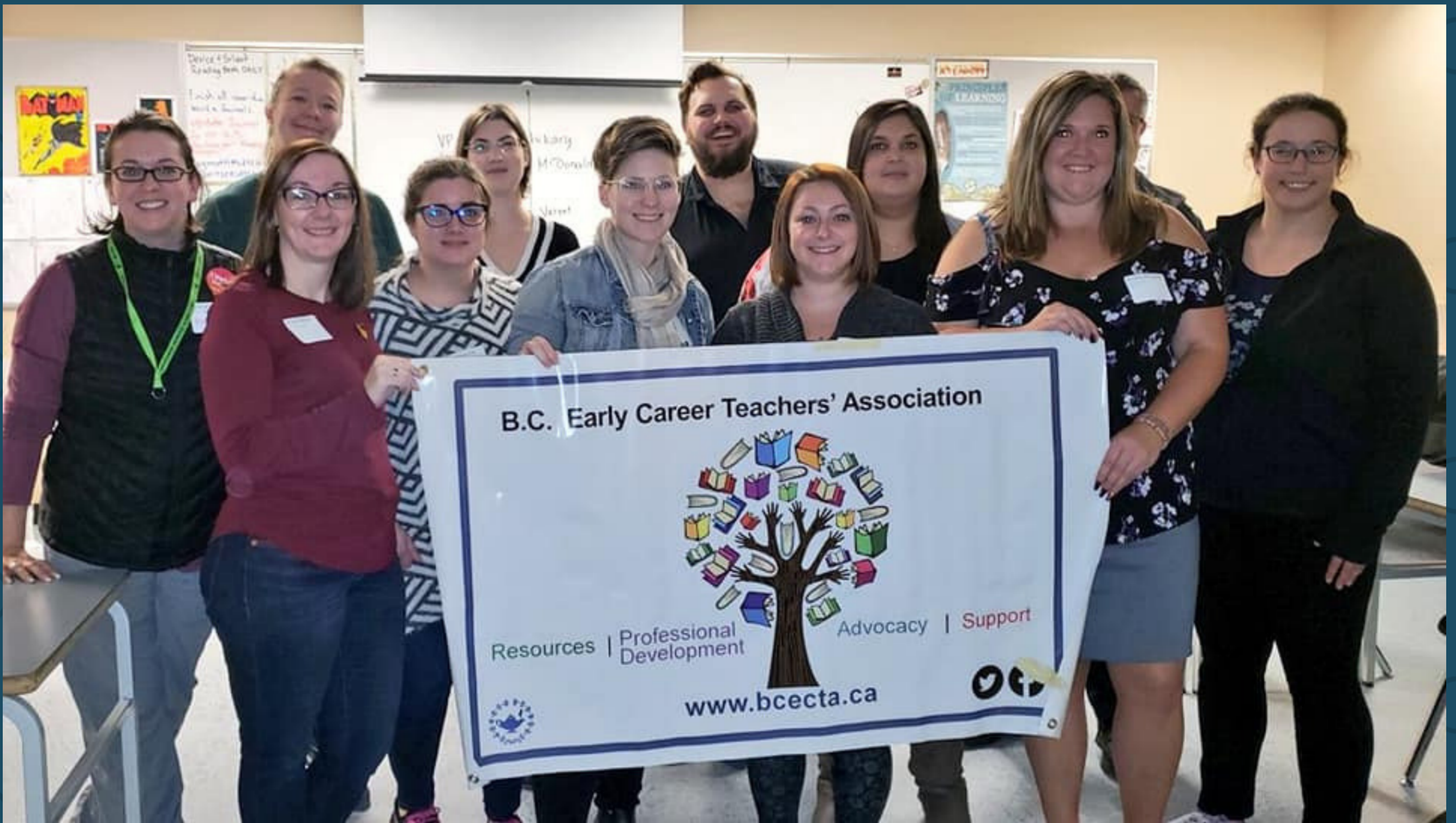
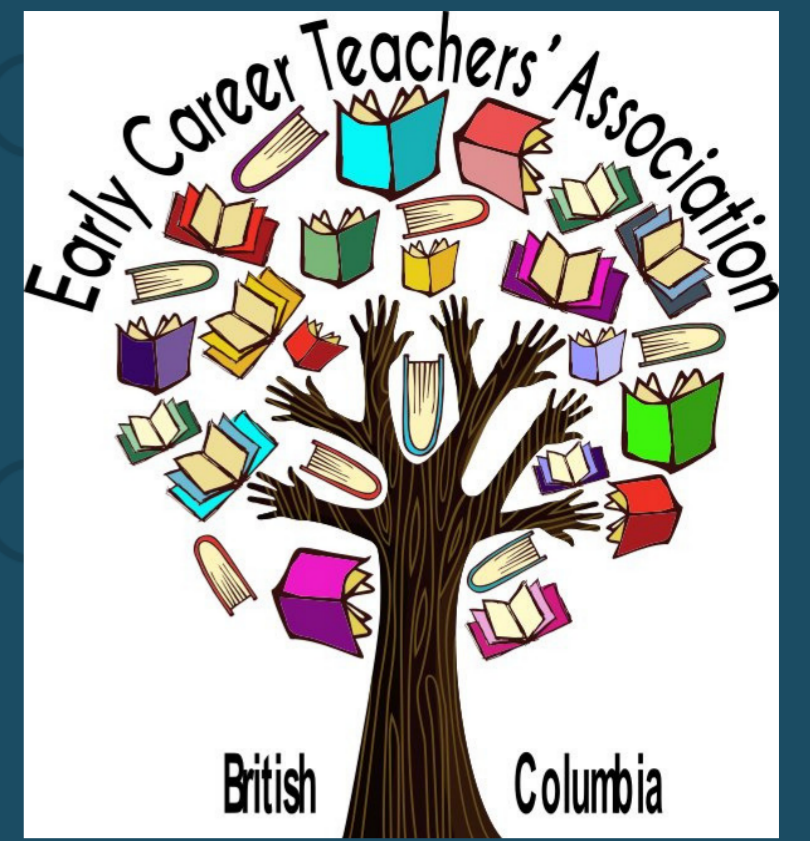
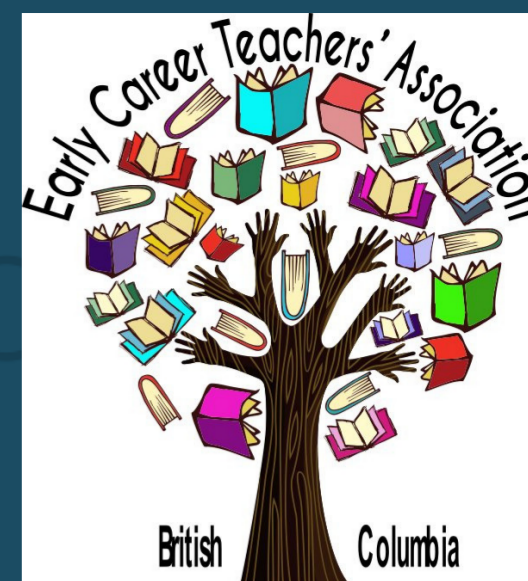


Photo of our BCECTA Executive Committee at our AGM in October.

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## **Amanda Long - President**

Amanda is a middle school teacher in School District #43 Coquitlam where she started in 2006 as a TTOC. She is currently seconded full time to the local union office as First Vice President. Recently, Amanda completed her Master of Education at SFU in Educational Leadership. She is the founder of our PSA and passionate about engaging new teachers in the union through mentoring, professional development and collaboration. She is a BCTF facilitator and travels around B.C. to present a variety of workshops and absolutely loves her job. She has two teenagers at home and loves travelling.

## **Nicole Jarvis - Vice President**

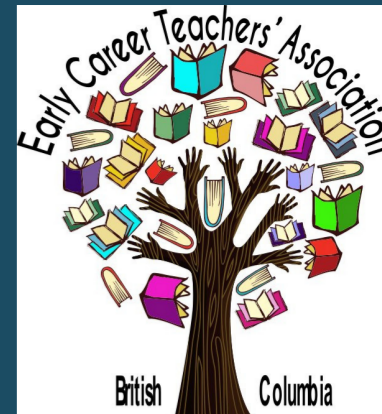
Nicole is a sixth-year teacher specializing in grades 8-10 French Immersion Social Studies and Core French. Her pedagogy focuses on process and project-based learning, and she is three months into teaching at a brand new Surrey school, "École Salish Secondary." If you'd like to take a peek at what she does in her classroom, she tweets fairly often at @nico1e! This BCECTA Vice President joined her local TTOC committee early on in her career, and she has felt empowered to ask questions, debate, consider, and participate in her local union and BCTF over the past four years. She has also travelled around the province facilitating workshops on how to use Social Media. Nicole's goal is to work on advocacy and policy change for improving working conditions and wellness for new teachers in BC. While new teachers may not always be able to set up roots in one school, Nicole believes we can set up roots in our connections with each other through this association, dedicated to helping teachers feel supported during the earliest years of their career.



## **Alexandra Adhikary - Vice President**

Hi! My name is Alexandra Adhikary and I am so excited to be one of your BCECTA Vice-Presidents. I was previously a Member-at-Large on the executive and at our awesome PSA conference in October, I was elected into my new position. I am a Spanish and French secondary teacher at North Peace Secondary School in Fort St. John. I have a passion for learning languages and experiencing new cultures, travelling, social justice activism, and supporting early career teachers in our province! I am the president of our Local Specialists Association for Early Career Teachers and enjoy hosting fun social events for teachers to get together and network!

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## Jennifer McDonald - Secretary

Jen McDonald is a kindergarten and grade 1 teacher from Victoria. She has enjoyed her roles on BCECTA as Member-at-Large and Vice President but is excited to explore the responsibilities of secretary this year. She is also on her local executive, BCTF International Solidarity Committee as well as facilitating workshops for the BCTF. When she is not teaching or completing union business, she is busy writing her thesis on supports for early career teachers.



## Amanda Roberts - Treasurer

Hello! I work in Coquitlam, teaching English at the secondary level, and have been teaching since 2006. I have been the treasurer for BCECTA since its inception, and have long been active in the BCTF. I am passionate about social justice issues, I love reading, I enjoy cooking, and I love spending time with my 2 children. I continue to support new/early career teachers, as I have since I started in this profession, and I look forward to working with you this year.



## Mark Morrison - Webmaster

Mark is the Webmaster for BCECTA. He is a Teacher-Librarian for the Greater Victoria School District on beautiful Vancouver Island. He is involved in the BCTF in multiple roles including being a staff union rep at his school, one of the Local Reps (LR) to the BCTF on his local executive, being the Chair of the BCTF TTOC Advisory Committee, and a counselor on the BCTF's Judicial Council. In his exiguous spare time, Mark enjoys reading esoteric books, going for walks around Victoria's many parks, and writing grammatically-correct third-person essays about himself.

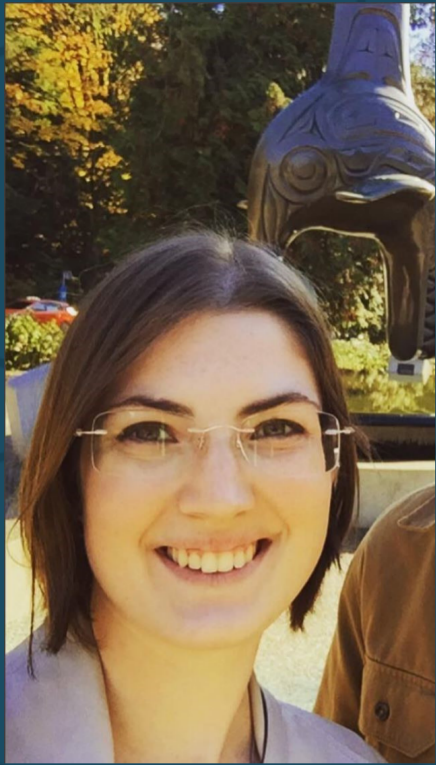
## Laura Seer - Conference Chair

Laura has been Secretary and Member at Large on BECTA and we are excited to have her as Conference Chair. She recently left the Cariboo Chilcoltin area to teach in Kamloops. She is a french immersion teacher and mother to two busy kids.



**Editor is currently vacant** - if you are interested in helping develop this newsletter please email [bcecta@gmail.com](mailto:bcecta@gmail.com) Our President Amanda Long is currently editing and would **love to pass the torch! (Training provided!)**

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## **Caitlyn Lauder - Member-at-large**

I am a first year teacher with a background in research science and a degree in Marine Biology from the University of New Brunswick. I specialized in shark, dolphin, and whale research. I am a recent resident of BC having moved here in January 2017 to start SFU's PDP program. This was actually a return for me as I was born in BC but I grew up all over Canada! I am currently teaching science as per my background - however due to my passion for the arts in my practicum I taught art as well!

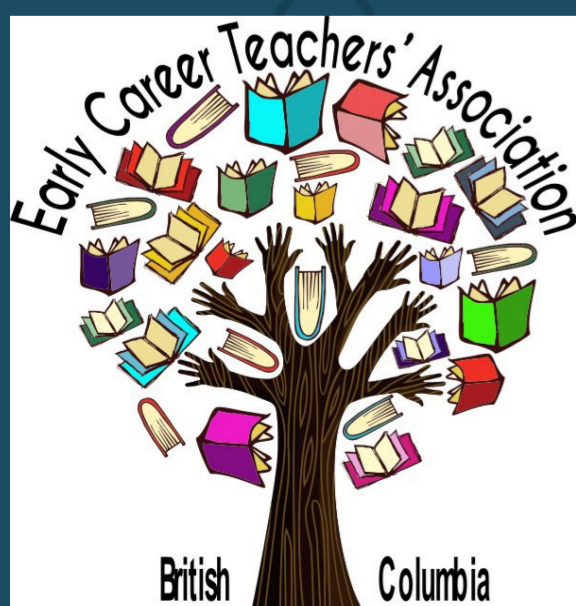
## **Linnea Wolfe - Member-at-large**

Linnea is a first-year teacher, who graduated from the UBC Social and Emotional Learning cohort. She now teaches core French and grade 6/7, and also teaches marital arts part-time

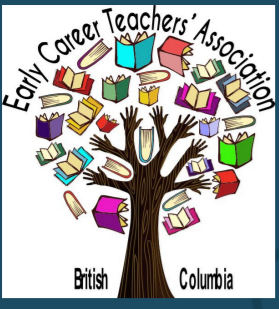


## **Lisa Herten - Member-at-large**

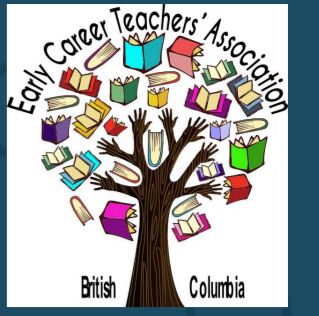
Lisa grew up and attended school on Vancouver Island. She moved to the lower mainland in 2016, and has been working in School District 43 since 2017. She has so far alternated between TOCing and temporary contracts in the district, and is eager to enter the next chapter of her teaching career! She has also received lots of advice and mentorship from other teachers over the course of her short career and is eager to pass on the advice she has received, and help other new teachers as they too begin their teaching careers!



Our BCECTA Executive Committee meets throughout the year in person and online to plan events, supports and communications for members of our PSA. Our PSA produces at least three newsletters a year like this one for members, offers a website of resources and plans at least one conference each year. In addition, we liaise with other educators and professionals to continue to support new teachers in a variety of ways. If you have suggestions on how to improve our PSA or want to get more involved, please reach out to us! [bcecta@gmail.com](mailto:bcecta@gmail.com)



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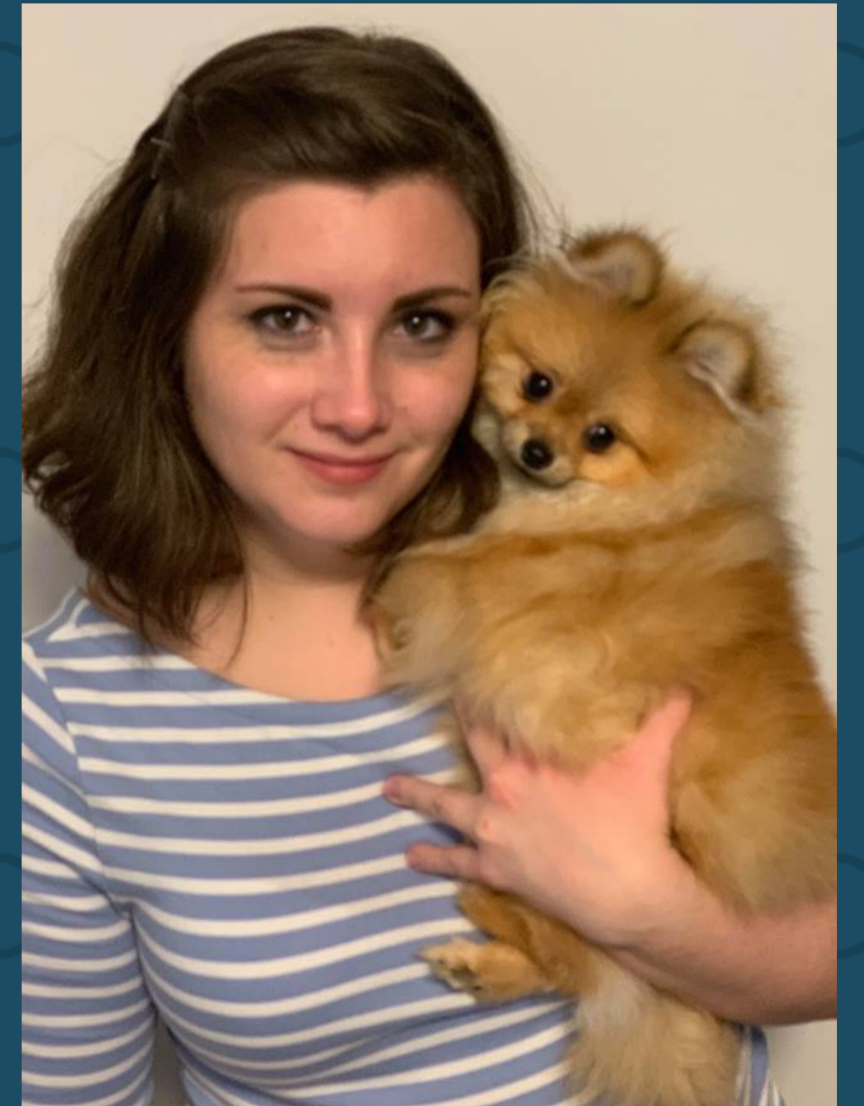
## **Cassia Drozdik - Member-at-large**

Cassia Drozdik is a fun loving, organization obsessed, D&D crazy, passionate teacher in SD36. She's adapting to teaching Grade 5, and learning the simplicity of 10 year olds. Relationships are KEY. When she's not teaching you can find her reorganizing her classroom (yes, again), binging Rupaul's Drag Race, playing D&D, or out on a hike or at a show.



## **Victoria Grandy - Member-at-large**

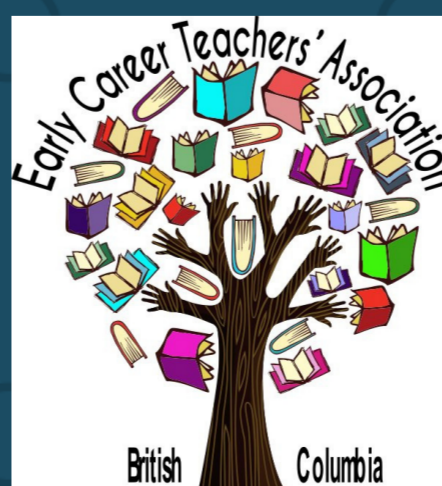
Victoria a new teacher who just finished the Professional Development Program at SFU. She discovered her passion for teaching when she picked up tutoring as a side job after graduating. She holds degrees in physics, chemistry, and astronomy and she can't wait to share these exciting fields with her future students. She is originally from the far-away province of Newfoundland, and in her free time likes to crochet, bake, and organize everything in sight.



# THANKYOU

## ***A huge thank-you to past BCECTA Members:***

- Colin Bailey, Member at Large
- Almee Blow, Member at Large
- Kendra Jesske, Member at Large
- Hailey Berstrom, Editor
- Alexa Bennett-Fox, Secretary



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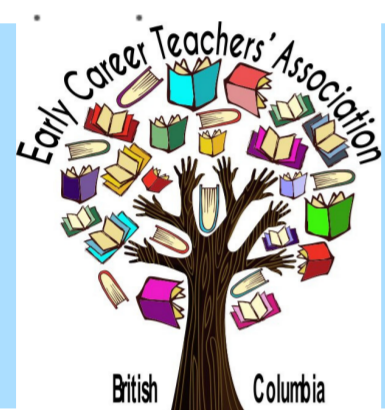
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