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CURRENTS

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHRISTIAN PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION OF BC

Our Fall Conference Speaker Is Canadian Artist Roy Henry Vickers

Canadian artist ROY HENRY VICKERS is best known around the world for his limited edition prints. He is also a world-renowned printmaker, painter, carver, author, sought-after keynote speaker and designer whose signature style fuses the traditional images of his West Coast native ancestry with the realism of his British heritage. Roy has received many honours, awards and recognitions for his work over the years including the prestigious Order of Canada in 2007. Roy's home gallery is the Eagle Aerie Gallery, a traditional northwest coast longhouse, which he built in 1986 in Tofino, BC. The gallery attracts over 400,000 visitors a year from all over the world.

We are honoured to welcome Mr. Vickers to our one-day fall conference on October 4, 2017. Please plan to attend the conference at Surrey Christian School, hosted by the CPABC. The conference rate for CPABC members is \$85. (The non-member rate is \$160.) Additional details and registration information will be available later in the year.



Roy Henry Vickers 350 Campbell Street, Tofino, British Columbia. www.royhenryvickers.com

Professional Development Opportunities

VanLunen Fellowship *by Chris Steenhof*

I was honoured to be accepted into the VanLunen fellowship last spring. I had heard a lot of very positive things about the program from other principals, some who described it as the best professional development they have ever experienced. Now that I'm a year into the program, I totally agree with their assessment. VanLunen is a full calendar year program that involves study, 3 one-week sessions in Grand Rapids and Arizona (and in the middle of a bleak BC winter), and a year-long personalized project that it is intended to benefit your school.

The thing that I have benefited most from comes down to one word: wisdom. I have been able to glean from the wisdom of the excellent faculty but also from the other fellows. I have been able to ask advice, share hardships and joys, and listen to their experiences and words of understanding. We also laugh a lot together. Who knew that a group of administrators could have so much fun?

The VanLunen program is an excellent professional development opportunity. Presently, a requirement of applicants is that you are the head of your school, so ensure you understand the requirements before you apply. I would encourage all principals to consider applying to this wonderful program. Check out the website at www.calvin.edu/vanlunen.

Safe Schools Together *by Kevin Visscher*



This past January I had an opportunity to take the Level 3 Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training with Safer Schools Together president, Theresa Campbell. Langley Christian School sent a small contingent of administrators and teachers to the two-day workshop in Kamloops. After completing Level 1 Erase Bullying and Level 2 VTRA a few years ago, Level 3 brought it all together. It was excellent! Theresa Campbell and her team effectively used Table-Top Exercises to help us confidently exercise the VTRA theories and articulate the VTRA language. I highly recommend administrators and key teachers on your school leadership team to get VTRA training. Jenny Williams at SCSBC, our Safe Schools Coordinator, is working hard to bring VTRA training to the forefront. (Jenny Williams was also taking the training in Kamloops the same time we were).

I applaud SCSBC for equipping Jenny to support SCSBC administrators and their leadership teams in better managing ever increasing stressful situations that involve potentially threatening situations for our students and school communities.

VTRA training equips schools to ascertain the level of risk of threats to develop protocols with community agencies. Public school districts are in the process of completing community protocols for VTRA and the Ministry of Education has encouraged the public school districts to share these with independent schools. I am working to obtain these community protocols so that they may be shared with SCSBC schools within districts around the province.

I also just completed the Digital Threat Assessment, a one-day workshop hosted by Safer Schools Together to equip educators and administrators with digital tools to do Social Media and image searches. This is another workshop I highly recommend to CPABC administrators. For more information check out www.saferchoolstogether.com.

Recommended Reading

You Are What You Love

by James K. A. Smith

An Unsung Hero

by Michael Smith

The Rise

by Sarah Lewis

