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## Thoughts from Gayle...



### IS YOUR SCHOOL FLOURISHING?

As a teacher I was regularly assessing my students' work and their learning. Sometimes it involved feedback along the way and sometimes it was a final assessment in the form of a test. If we now take a step back and instead of thinking about this at the student level, let's think at the school level. All of our schools have vision/mission statements, but how do we assess how we are doing? We are making these promises to our community in terms of what our purpose and goals are, but do we measure this? We want our schools to flourish, but what does "flourishing" really look like? Is there a roadmap to Christian school flourishing?



**Join us on April 25, 2020** at our AGM to hear Dr. Lynn Swaner share some exciting recent research in this area. Lynn is a passionate leader and innovator in Christian education. As this is our AGM, we invite schools to bring a team of board members and teachers to this event. You won't want to miss this day in Calgary. At our AGM, we will also be offering several workshops, one of which will be led by the Christian School Foundation as PCEC is considering partnering with CSF and would like schools to learn more before we make the final decision. So, ensure your "finance person" is there!

### WISDOM FROM TWITTER

At this time of year, we sometimes need reminders here are



5 non-negotiables for success with "hard to reach" kids.

1. Don't take it personally.
  2. Second to last word is best.
  3. Late is better than not at all.
  4. Some is better than none.
  5. Private is better than public.
- (Brian Mendler)

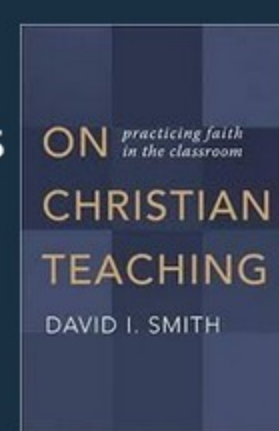
## Teachers

### EDUCATOR REP NEEDED

The PCEC Board has two Educator representatives and currently Sean Alaric (Immanuel Christian School, Lethbridge) and Jobena Westera (Gateway Christian School, Red Deer) serve in these spots. Jobena's second three-year term is expiring this spring and as such we need someone to fill this role. If you are interested or would like more information, contact [Jobena](#) , [Sean](#) or [PCEC](#) by **February 29, 2020**.

### BOOK CLUB

We will be discussing chapters 1-3 on Monday afternoon (January 13) and Tuesday morning (January 14). Club members will receive an email today with the ZOOM links. See you then!



Also a reminder to Book Club members that there is a dedicated space on our [WEBSITE](#) for you, with links to Smith's video and contact information for other members.

### TECH TOOLS

How do you begin to sort through all the possibilities?

Here is a great [short LIST](#) of options to look at!

### EDUCATORS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

If you are interested in learning more about school leadership, this immersive 5 day institute is for you! [APPLICATIONS](#) will be accepted soon. This opportunity is open to teachers in schools who are CSI members.

## Administrators

### VAN LUNEN

If you are looking for an exceptional learning experience to challenge and equip you in your leadership, the [VAN LUNEN PROGRAM](#) is for you. Several of our school/society leaders in PCEC are Van Lunen Fellows. Applications are due by **February 28, 2020**.

Give Gayle a call (780-465-8384) if you'd like more information about what the program is like.

### SPRING GATHERING



Your Leadership Cohort Executive is excited about the upcoming event where we will spend the time with Christian songwriter Steve Bell as he leads us through a (modified) [JOURNEY RETREAT](#)

Be sure to mark your calendar for **May 7-8, 2020**.

## School Boards



### BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Join our BC colleagues for their annual conference for business & development staff and board members on **April 6-7** in **Harrison Hot Springs BC**. We'll pass on more information later, but you can add these dates to your calendar.

## Everyone

### "THE RESEARCH SAYS..."

We all want to make decisions based on sound reasoning and this [ARTICLE](#) compiles some of the best of the last year and contain research highlights that are relevant to:



- **teachers**
- **leaders**
- **board members**

Have a look, find one that interests you and ask a few others to discuss it as a staff meeting, a board meeting or just over coffee.

## Important Dates

### JANUARY 13, 2020

Book Club 4:00-5:00 PM

### JANUARY 14, 2020

Book Club 7:15-8:15 AM

### JANUARY 18, 2020

PCEC Board Meeting in Calgary

### APRIL 25, 2020

PCEC AGM in Calgary

### MAY 7 & 8, 2020

Leadership Cohort Spring Conference at Entheos

### OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2020

Teachers' Convention in Calgary