



## The Prairie Page

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**The PCCE Board needs an Educator representative!** Our Board has 2 spots for educators and Sean Alaric has recently resigned his position as he was appointed to a principal-ship in a non-PCCE school. While we congratulate Sean, we also now need another educator to serve alongside Stephanie Littel (Lacombe CS). If you enjoy being involved with the “bigger” questions of Christian education and if you are someone who has a passion for seeing Christian education flourish in the PCCE community, contact Gayle to chat! Or maybe you know someone who would be a great addition to our Board - encourage them to [CONTACT](#) Gayle or let Gayle know and she can touch base with them.

### LOVING

Many of you know Brian Doornenbal through either his many years teaching at Edmonton Christian School and/or his work with The Prairie Centre for Christian Education. Just over two years ago, Brian was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a blood cancer, and part of his treatment was a bone marrow transplant which severely impacts a person’s immune system. The current situation with Covid-19 is particularly serious for people in Brian’s context and as such his recent Twitter post is a great reminder for all of us of what it can mean to LOVE others: *Those who protest wearing a mask b/c they feel it is the gov't taking away their personal freedom are forgetting that the only real freedom comes when we love others. It is what we are created and commanded to do. Having the mind of Christ compels us to put others first.*

### LEARNING

We’ve seen and heard about some fantastic content being produced by our teachers during this time, but maybe some of the most creative stuff is found in Tyler Capton’s (a High School teacher at Gateway Christian School in Red Deer) Youtube channel. Tyler engages his students in topics like “Ethnocentricity” and “Imperialism in Canada” by creating his own rap music videos. If those topics aren’t your jam, then see if you can relate to his latest creation: [“Teaching in the Time of Covid.”](#) Let us know if you or one of your colleagues should be featured in a future “Prairie Page.” Sharing your work can be a great way to inspire your PCCE colleagues and may be just what they need to finish this school year well.

A reminder that our 2019/2020 PCCE Book Club focused on David Smith’s book “On Christian Teaching: Practicing Faith in the Classroom” is meeting again this week. For those of you that have not participated in our previous sessions, we have already discussed the first 5 chapters and will be discussing chapters 6 & 7 at 2:30 on Thursday, May 28th. We would love to

have you [JOIN](#) us!

## LEADING

You may have heard in the news that our sister schools in BC are returning to in-person classes in June. We will continue talking with the leaders there and learning from their experiences as they begin the journey that we will walk in September. We'll be compiling the lessons we can learn from BC and others as they begin the transition.

As we begin to look toward September, it is good practice to reflect on the past couple of months and to look for key learnings that can guide us into the next year. This [ARTICLE](#) gives a structure for reflecting, using these questions:

- What was supposed to happen?
- What actually happened?
- Why was there a difference?
- What can we learn from this?

It would be worthwhile to use these questions with your staff, with your leadership team and with the Board to focus the conversation on their specific areas of influence. Connecting with each group will provide the school with a holistic picture of the past and current situation and give insight for the future. When we think about the remote learning aspect, we all recognize that what we've done this spring, is in many ways "emergency remote learning" and what we've done has been remarkable considering the lack of preparation time. If this model continues into next year however, we will want to build and improve upon the lessons we've learned this year as the expectations will be different (higher?) with more prep time and research available.

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