

SYSTEM PRINCIPAL

Due to the merging of our two schools, Surrey Christian School and Fraser Valley Christian High School are seeking a System Principal. This is a new position, created to carry out the mission and vision of our newly merged Pre-K – 12 school .

The candidate

The candidate will be a committed, imaginative and creative individual with a strongly rooted life of Christian faith and service, and possessing a solid understanding of the integration of faith and learning. S/he will be a highly seasoned administrator with a passion for and deep understanding of Christian education. Ideally an experienced educator, the candidate will have a related Bachelors and preferably a Masters degree. S/he will be a recognized leader within a Christian community and be able to articulate a clear and powerful vision for Christian education. Communication and community building skills will be key assets, as will the ability to provide guidance and leadership to the Board and staff of the newly merged school. The candidate will be able to give evidence of an empowering, servant leadership management style, and will be adept at building consensus, excitement and an energized staff and community.

The challenge

The System Principal will build upon and continue the merger processes that have occurred over the past two years. As the lead within the education/management team, and as the primary Board contact, s/he will ensure the mission and vision of the school are carried out, and will guide the school and Board in developing and implementing a long term vision and plan.

Looking for synergies, consistency and continuing improvements in programs, processes and policies across the three campuses, s/he will continue to promote a full school operation and vision, working towards a seamless pre-K – Grade 12 system. In a time of challenging demographics and increasing options for students, s/he will create a context for innovation and boldly establish the school's presence and impact within the community both locally and globally.

The work of the system principal, alongside the senior leadership team, will include government and community relations, as well as building networks within the Christian education community, as well as development. S/he will provide skilled administrative leadership, streamlining and strengthening systems and processes and ensuring the continuing improvement of educational programs and extracurricular activities.

About the schools

Located in Vancouver's fastest growing suburb, Fraser Valley Christian High School opened in 1964 in Burnaby with a small group of 79 students in grades 8-12. Two years

later the campus on 92nd Avenue was completed. The core vision that gave birth to Fraser Valley Christian High is the vision that still directs the school today. The board, staff and supporting community are proud of the over 3,000 alumni that are making a worldwide impact in Jesus' name. The high school's recent building project is near completion and the community is proud the beautiful new facilities.

Surrey Christian opened as a K-7 school with 72 students in 1978. Three years later the students moved into a brand new school building on 160th Street. The school experienced much growth as staff and parents together met the academic, social and spiritual needs of young students. Currently, separate primary and middle school facilities and staff continue to help fill the original vision of building for children a solid foundation of faith. Strategies for the future continue as additional lands were purchased and plans for a new primary campus adjacent to the middle campus are currently in process.

Expressions of interest

Please address expressions of interest along with a covering letter and CV in confidence to the System Principal Search Committee by March 15, 2010. Please note that final approval of this position is subject to a Society-wide vote in May 2010.

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