

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

between

SPROTT SHAW LANGUAGE COLLEGE (2017) (BC) CORP.

(the “Employer”)



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LANGUAGE  
COLLEGE**

- and -

EDUCATION AND TRAINING EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCIATION

(the “Union”)



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## ARTICLE 1 — AGREEMENT

- 1.01 This Agreement is made and entered into by and between Sprott Shaw Language College (2017) (BC) Corp., hereinafter referred to as the “Employer”, and the Education and Training Employees’ Association (“ETEA”), hereinafter referred to as the “Union.”
- 1.02 The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth and establish the terms and conditions of employment for those employees who come within the scope of the Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “Teachers”) and to provide a procedure for the timely disposition of grievances without interruption of work.
- 1.03 The purpose of the Agreement is, in the mutual interest of the Employer and the Teachers, to provide for the operation of the Employer’s Language College, under the methods which will further, to the fullest extent possible, the efficiency and economy of operations, a high level of student and educational services with the flexibility necessary to meet student needs, and the continuation of employment under the conditions of reasonable hours, compensation and working conditions.
- The parties to this collective agreement share a desire to promote the development and improvement of the quality and effectiveness of the education provided by the Employer, and to foster an educational climate which will encourage freedom of thought and inquiry, awareness, openness and personal and social responsibility.
- 1.04 It is recognized by this Agreement to be the duty of the Employer, the Union and the Teachers to fully co-operate, both individually and collectively, for the advancement of the goals identified in Article 1.03.
- 1.05 The parties recognize that the success of the Employer and the job security of the Teachers depends on the Employer’s success in providing quality education to its students. To that end, the Employer and Union agree that within the framework provided by the law and this collective agreement, they will encourage friendly and cooperative relations between their respective representatives at all levels and among all employees.
- 1.06 Teachers agree to comply with SSLC policies and regulations implemented from time to time. In the event there is a conflict between the contents of this Agreement and any policy or regulation made by the Employer, or on behalf of the Employer, this Agreement shall take precedence over the said policy or regulation.
- 1.07 No Teacher covered by this Agreement shall be required or permitted to make a written or oral agreement with the Employer or its representatives that may conflict with the terms of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 2 — UNION RIGHTS AND RECOGNITION**

- 2.01 The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole bargaining agent for teaching faculty employed by the Employer except those excluded by the Code.
- 2.02 As a condition of employment each Teacher shall become and remain a member of the Union as of the date this Agreement is ratified or, in the case of Teachers hired after this Agreement is ratified, within 15 days worked cumulative from the date of hire.
- 2.03 The Employer agrees to provide new Teachers (Employees) with an application for membership and an assignment of wages to the Union (to be provided by the Union), authorizing the Employer to deduct the applicable Union dues (or equivalent), initiation fees and assessments from the Teacher's pay. As a condition of employment, the Teacher shall return a signed copy to the Employer, which the Employer will forward to the Union. The Employer agrees to deduct Union initiation fees, dues and assessments from the wages of each Teacher and to forward the monies so deducted to the Union, once monthly, together with a list of Teachers with the amount deducted. The Employer agrees that payment will be forwarded to the Union no later than twenty (20) days following the month for which the deductions have been made.
- 2.04 The Union agrees to inform the Employer in writing of all such initiation fees, dues and assessments.
- 2.05 The Union shall indemnify and save harmless the Employer, including its agents and Teachers, from any and all claims and actions brought by a Teacher arising out of or in any way related to the deductions made in accordance with this Article.
- 2.06 The Employer shall provide all new Teachers hired into the Bargaining Unit with a current list of Union representatives, a letter from the Union and a copy of this Agreement.
- 2.07 The Employer recognizes the Union's right to select up to a maximum of five (5) stewards to represent the Teachers in the Bargaining Unit. The Union agrees to provide the Employer with a list of stewards and to advise the Employer of any changes to the list of stewards that may occur from time to time.
- 2.08 The Employer and the Union agree that the Union representative(s) will conduct their duties outside working hours to the greatest extent possible. However, acknowledging that there may be times when that is not practical or possible, time without loss of pay will be granted to the Union representative(s) when meeting with the Employer or its representatives on matters concerning the application or administration of this Agreement, provided the regular operations of the school will not be affected.
- 2.09 Only elected officers, appointed representatives or stewards are allowed to represent the Union.

- 2.10 The Employer agrees that there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction or coercion exercised or practiced with respect to any Teacher for reason of membership in the Union.
- 2.11 The Employer agrees to allow the Union exclusive use of a bulletin board to be located in the staff lunch room at each of the Vancouver and Victoria campuses for the sole purpose of posting notices and letters pertaining to Union business. The bulletin board will be provided by the Union.
- 2.12 The Employer will supply a fridge and microwave oven near the staff room at each of the campuses.
- 2.13 Subject to operational requirements, the Union may request of the Employer use of space for meetings with Teachers during regular business hours. On a cost recovery basis, the Employer will also allow the Union access to a photocopier.
- 2.14 The Employer will grant leave of absence without pay to a maximum of two (2) Teachers at any one time, who are elected or appointed as Union Representatives to attend Union meetings, seminars or workshops in order that they may carry out their duties on behalf of the Union, provided that five (5) working days advance written notice is provided to the Employer, and provided that such absences will not affect the regular operation of the schools. The Employer will grant leave of absence without pay to a maximum of four (4) Teachers at any one time, who are elected or appointed as Union Representatives to attend Union meetings, seminars or workshops in order that they may carry out their duties on behalf of the Union, provided that ten (10) working days advance written notice is provided to the Employer and provided that such absences will not affect the regular operation of the schools. In any event, a maximum of two (2) Teachers from any one campus may be released at any one time.

The Employer will not deduct pay for Teachers granted Union leave without pay. The Employer will invoice the Union for the replacement cost of the Teacher(s) on Union leave. If the Employer has not invoiced the Union within one (1) year of the Union leave, the Union will consider the invoice stale dated and will not reimburse the Employer.

- 2.15 Work normally and regularly performed by Teachers shall not be performed by non-bargaining unit members.
- 2.16 Notwithstanding Article 2.15, the Employer shall have the right to contract out work normally and regularly performed by Teachers if such contracting out does not directly result in any layoffs of Teachers. The Employer shall not contract out bargaining unit work if such contracting out directly results in any layoffs unless it has the agreement of the Union. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

2.17 Notwithstanding Article 2.15, the parties agree that the:

- a. Academic Manager;
- b. Academic Director; and
- c. Campus Director

are excluded employees of the Employer but may perform bargaining unit work, provided that

- a. it is not done on an ongoing basis;
- b. the Employer has first made reasonable efforts to offer the bargaining unit work to Teachers on call; and
- c. no Teachers on call are able to perform the bargaining unit work.

2.18 The Employer will maintain a single personnel file and no other file will be kept, except for payroll records. Personnel files and payroll/benefit records will be kept confidential in accordance with applicable legislation and arbitral jurisprudence. On reasonable notice, and subject to law, a Teacher is entitled to review and/or be given copies of material contained in their personnel file. A Teacher may also authorize the Union to receive a copy of their personnel file.

2.19 Each January, April, July and October, the Employer will provide to the Union an updated Teachers' list containing the following information:

Name  
Campus  
Classification  
Wage Rate  
Date of Hire  
Contact information such as address, phone number and email

The parties agree that the information contained in the list shall not be publicly disclosed or posted. The Employer agrees to provide the information by the last day of each month listed above.

### ARTICLE 3 — MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 3.01 The Union recognizes that the management of the Employer and the direction of the working forces are fixed exclusively in the Employer, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Employer will exercise its management rights in a fair and reasonable manner. The Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive right of the Employer to:
- a. Operate and manage its affairs in as efficient and economic manner as it sees fit;
  - b. Hire, assign, direct, promote, demote, classify, transfer, layoff and recall Teachers;
  - c. Otherwise discipline non-probationary Teachers for just cause;
  - d. Discharge a Probationary Teacher for any reason satisfactory to the Employer, in the sole discretion of the Employer, whether for just cause or otherwise;
  - e. Determine the nature and kind of businesses to be conducted by the Employer; the services to be rendered and the method by which such services will be rendered; the types of learning aids used; the student services provided; the control of the teaching materials, methods, processes and techniques;
  - f. Determine the schedule of classes, the number of classes, the number of Teachers to be employed, the number and schedule of hours to be worked and the standards of performance of work;
  - g. Make, enforce and alter from time to time, reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by Teachers including, but not limited to, rules and regulations respecting conduct, safety, student services, security of the Employer, its property and Teachers; and
  - h. Make studies of and institute changes in jobs, job content or job assignments and discontinue, reorganize, limit, combine or substitute any classes or part thereof.
- 3.02 Teachers agree to comply with SSLC policies and regulations implemented from time to time. In the event that there is a conflict between any term of this Agreement and any regulation or policy made by the Employer, this Agreement shall take precedence over the policy or regulation.
- 3.03 The express provisions of this Agreement constitute the only limitations upon the Employer's rights.

**ARTICLE 4 — UNION/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 4.01 The Employer and the Union agree to establish a Union/Management Committee for the purpose of discussing issues relating to the workplace that affect the parties or any Teacher bound by this Agreement. On the request of either party, the parties shall meet at least once every three (3) months until this Agreement is terminated.
- 4.02 The Committee shall consist of three (3) excluded employees of the Employer, selected by the Employer, and three (3) Union representatives employed by the Employer, selected by the Union.
- 4.03 The committee shall not deal with grievances or have the authority to bind either party but only to make recommendations to their respective principals.

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**ARTICLE 5 — DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE**

- 5.01 The Employer shall not discharge or discipline a Teacher except for just and reasonable cause, or as provided in Article 6. The Parties recognize the principles of progressive discipline.
- 5.02 Any disciplinary action taken will be documented and form part of the Teacher's personnel record. This written record of discipline will be provided to the Teacher within five (5) days of the meeting at which the Teacher was informed of the reasons for discipline.
- 5.03 Grievances concerning a suspension or discharge shall be initiated at Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure set out in Article 7.
- 5.04 Disciplinary action taken against a Teacher will not be used against the Teacher after twelve (12) months following such action and any reference to the action shall be removed from the Teacher's file provided no additional adverse reports are written within a twenty-four (24) month period following such action.

**ARTICLE 6 — PROBATION**

- 6.01 All new Teachers shall be required to serve a Probationary Period of at least three (3) months and at least 325 hours of in class instruction.
- 6.02 The Probationary Period set out in Article 6.01 may be extended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union for a period of up to three (3) additional months.
- 6.03 During the Probationary Period, the Employer may terminate the employment of a Probationary Teacher, regardless of whether there is just cause for such termination, for unsuitability.

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## ARTICLE 7 — GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 7.01 The parties agree that it is desirable that any complaints or grievances should be addressed as quickly as possible. Should a complaint or dispute become a grievance between the Employer and Teacher(s) regarding the interpretation, application or alleged violation of this Agreement, or a question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, an earnest effort shall be made to settle the dispute in the following manner:

### Step One

An aggrieved Teacher may first give his or her immediate excluded supervisor a reasonable opportunity to settle the matter.

A Union officer may submit a written grievance to the Campus Director within fifteen (15) working days of the circumstances giving rise to the grievance or from when the Union should have reasonably known. The grievance must be signed by the Teacher or the Union Officer and will identify the nature of the grievance, the specific provisions of the Agreement which are alleged to have been violated and the remedy sought. The Campus Director or designate shall, within ten (10) working days from the date of receipt of the grievance hold a grievance meeting with a Union representative and give a written reply to the Union within ten (10) working days following the day on which the Step 1 meeting was held. Failing a satisfactory resolution, the grievance may proceed to Step 2. Any matter not presented within fifteen (15) working days shall be forfeited by the aggrieved party.

### Step Two

If the matter is not settled as provided above, the Union may, within ten (10) working days following receipt of the Campus Director or designate's written answer, submit the written grievance to the Executive Director. The Executive Director or designate shall within ten (10) working days from the receipt of the grievance hold a grievance meeting with a Union representative and give a written reply within ten (10) working days following the day on which the Step 2 meeting was held.

Failing a satisfactory resolution at Step 2, the grievance may be referred to arbitration within thirty (30) working days of receipt of the Step 2 decision.

- 7.02 Any agreement between the Employer and the Union in the grievance procedure shall be final and binding upon the Employer, the Union and the Teacher(s) concerned.
- 7.03 Each member of management referred to above may appoint a designate to act in his or her absence.
- 7.04 Any grievance which is not commenced or processed through the next stage of the grievance or arbitration procedure within the time specified shall be deemed to be abandoned and all rights of recourse to the grievance procedure or arbitration shall be at an end.

**7.05 Policy Grievance**

A policy grievance shall be defined as a dispute involving a question of application or interpretation of any Article of this Agreement which arises directly between the Employer and the Union. It shall be submitted a policy grievance at Step 2 within fifteen (15) working days following the circumstances giving rise to the grievance. The provisions of this Article may not be used with respect to a grievance directly affecting an individual Teacher or a group of Teachers.

7.06 Employer grievances shall be submitted to the Union at Step 2. Failing a satisfactory resolution of the grievance within five (5) working days, the grievance may be referred to arbitration within thirty (30) working days from the date of settlement could have been made in Step 2.

7.07 Any and all time limits fixed by this Article may be extended by mutual agreement in writing between the Employer and the Union, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld.

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**ARTICLE 8 — ARBITRATION**

- 8.01 Either party must, within thirty (30) working days upon the completion of Step 3 of the grievance procedure outlined in Article 7, notify the other party in writing of its desire to submit the unsettled grievance to arbitration.
- 8.02 The party electing arbitration will submit the name of one (1) or more arbitrators to the other party. If the parties are unable to agree on the choice of an arbitrator within thirty (30) working days, the Minister of Labour will be requested to appoint an arbitrator.
- 8.03 The parties shall equally bear the costs of the arbitrator. Each of the parties shall bear the expenses incurred in the preparation and presentation of its own case.
- 8.04 An Arbitrator shall have jurisdiction to consider any matter properly submitted to him or her under the terms of this Agreement, including whether a matter is arbitrable or not, but shall not have the jurisdiction to alter, modify, add to, subtract from or amend any part of the provisions of this Agreement in whole or in part. The Arbitrator shall establish his own procedure consistent with the requirements of natural justice.
- 8.05 The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties.
- 8.06 The parties agree that the operation of Section 87 of the Labour Relations Code is excluded.

**ARTICLE 9 — NO STRIKES, NO LOCKOUTS**

- 9.01 All parties to this Agreement will be governed by the British Columbia Labour Relations Code in regard to strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or slowdowns.
- 9.02 The Employer agrees that it will not cause or sanction a lockout during the term of this Agreement.
- 9.03 The Union and its members agree that it will not cause or sanction a strike during the term of this Agreement.

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**ARTICLE 10 — SENIORITY**

- 10.01 A Teachers' seniority shall be based on the length of continuous and uninterrupted service with the Employer from their date of hire as a Teacher.
- 10.02 A Probationary Teacher shall not have seniority until they have successfully completed the Probationary Period as set out in Article 6 of this Agreement. Notwithstanding, a Teacher on Call who completes the Probationary Period shall receive a seniority date one (1) month prior to the date they complete the Probationary Period.
- 10.03 Upon completion of the Probationary Period, a Teacher shall acquire seniority retroactive to his or her start date and his or her name shall be placed on the seniority list.
- 10.04 Seniority rights shall apply only to the extent expressly provided in this Agreement.
- 10.05 The seniority of a Teacher shall be lost and his or her employment automatically terminated for any of the following reasons:
- a. the Teacher resigns his or her employment;
  - b. the Teacher retires;
  - c. the Employer discharges the Teacher for just cause and the Teacher is not reinstated;
  - d. the Teacher is laid off for a period exceeding the recall period as set out in Article 11 of this Agreement;
  - e. the Teacher is absent from work without permission for more than three (3) days, and the Teacher has not provided a satisfactory explanation;
  - f. the Teacher overstays a vacation or leave or absence without securing a written extension of such leave of absence or vacation from the Employer, which extension shall not be unreasonably denied;
  - g. the Teacher utilizes a leave of absence for reasons other than those for which it was granted;
  - h. the Teacher fails to return to work after the Teacher has been cleared to return to work by his or her doctor; or
  - i. if the Teacher is recalled to work and fails to return to work in accordance with Article 11 of this Agreement.
- 10.06 The Employer agrees to post a seniority list every January, April, July and October and to supply a copy to the Union. The seniority list will include each Teacher's date of

hire. Teachers who wish to question their seniority must do so within thirty (30) days of such posting. The Employer must post the seniority list and provide a copy to the Union by the last day of each of the months noted above.

- 10.07 Teachers on approved leaves of absence because of illness, injury or for Employment Standards leaves shall continue to earn seniority during those leaves.
- 10.08 Teachers who are transferred outside of the bargaining unit shall retain their seniority for a period of three (3) months following such transfer. Teachers who are transferred out of the bargaining unit will not accumulate seniority but will resume their seniority accumulation upon their return to the bargaining unit providing it occurs within the three (3) month time period.

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**ARTICLE 11 — LAYOFF AND RECALL**

- 11.01 A layoff occurs when a Teacher has no teaching assignment and the Employer gives notice of layoff.
- 11.02 The Employer will notify the Teacher at least ten (10) working days prior to the date of anticipated layoff. All layoff notices shall be in writing with a copy to the Union.
- 11.03 For eight (8) months after being laid off, Teachers with the necessary qualifications and skills for available work will be recalled in order of seniority.
- 11.04 In the event of a layoff, Teachers shall be laid off in the reverse order of their seniority at the campus where they are working provided that the remaining Teachers at that campus have the necessary qualifications and criteria to fill the remaining positions.
- 11.05 A Teacher who has been issued a layoff notice has the option of accepting layoff and retaining the right for recall up to eight (8) months, or bumping a Teacher with less seniority provided that the remaining Teachers have the necessary qualifications and criteria to fill the “bumped” position.
- Bumping can only occur at the beginning of a session. The decision to bump must be made within five (5) days of the notice of layoff, and a bump must be of the most junior employee possible as the affected Teacher.
- 11.06 Notwithstanding Article 11.05, bumping is not permitted into any Coordinator Position.
- 11.07 Teachers on Layoff shall retain their seniority for a period of eight (8) months, at which point the Teacher’s seniority shall be lost and their employment shall terminate.
- 11.08 Accumulated seniority is to be retained when Teachers on recall return from layoff.
- 11.09 Teachers shall be responsible for providing the Employer with accurate and current contact details.
- 11.10 A recall occurs when the Employer offers work of three (3) consecutive weeks or more to a Teacher on Layoff. Where a Teacher is offered less than three (3) consecutive weeks of work, but is provided with three (3) consecutive weeks of work or more, that Teacher will be considered recalled. The work offered does not have to consist of the same classes for all three (3) weeks.
- 11.11 Teachers on recall shall respond to a recall request within a maximum of three (3) working days.
- 11.12 Teachers who are on the recall list are entitled to apply for any job vacancies arising out of job postings.

- 11.13 Upon written notice, a Teacher who is on the recall list shall be entitled to place his or her recall rights in abeyance during the eight (8) month recall period established in Article 11.03 for a maximum of four (4) consecutive weeks. The written notice shall include the dates that the Teacher will be unavailable for recall.

The Teacher will be placed on the recall list at the conclusion of his or her abeyance period and recalled in order of seniority. However, the Teacher will not be able to claim a position which would have gone to the Teacher but not for the abeyance.

It is further understood that the eight (8) month recall periods remains unchanged regardless of the duration of the Teacher's abeyance period.

- 11.14 A Teacher who is laid off and teaches on a substitute basis will receive his or her regular rate of pay according to Schedule B.
- 11.15 A Teacher can refuse a recall to a position of lower pay than the position from which they were laid off without surrendering any of their recall rights however the eight (8) month recall period established in Article 11.03 remains unchanged.
- 11.16 A Teacher on Layoff who teaches on a substitute basis, or who accepts work of less than three (3) consecutive weeks will not be considered recalled. Their eight (8) month recall period will be extended by the number of full days of work performed under this article.

## **ARTICLE 12 — VACANCIES, TRANSFERS, AND PROMOTIONS**

### **12.01 Vacancies**

Notice for all vacancies shall be posted internally at each campus and on the SSLC website for a period of seven (7) days. Teachers wishing to apply for the vacancy shall make their wishes known by way of a letter addressed to the Employer designated representative. The Employer may elect to advertise simultaneously with the internal posting.

The posting shall contain: the job title; description of duties; location of the position; qualifications, skill, ability and experience required; hours of work; salary; anticipated commencement date; the deadline for applications and person to whom the applications should be directed.

### **12.02 Selection Process**

In considering internal applicants for a posted vacancy, the Employer shall take into account the qualifications, skill, ability and experience of the individual as it relates to the specific job for which the selection is being done.

When qualifications, skill, ability and experience of the internal candidates are relatively equal with respect to the requirement of the job, seniority shall be the deciding factor. This will also apply to postings for non-academic or elective courses.

Internal candidates, providing they meet the required qualifications, shall be given preference over external candidates.

### **12.03 Department Transfers**

A Teacher who transfers into another department (for example, moving from an ESL position to a PMM position), will be subject to an eight (8) week evaluation period. If at the end of that period, the Teacher is deemed unsuitable for the position by the Employer, the Teacher shall have the right to transfer back to a position consistent with the position held at the date of transfer.

### ARTICLE 13 — LEAVES

13.01 Teachers shall be entitled to take maternity leave, parental leave, family responsibility leave, compassionate care leave, bereavement leave, COVID-19 related leave, leave respecting the disappearance or death of a child, leave respecting domestic or sexual violence and reservists' leave in accordance with the British Columbia Employment Standards Act.

#### 13.02 Bereavement Leave

A paid bereavement leave will be allowed in the event of the death of a family member:

- a. Up to three (3) days if the deceased family members is a spouse, child, or person who lives with the Teacher as a member of the Teacher's family;
- b. One (1) day if the deceased family member is a parent, grandparent or grandchild of the Teacher.

All bereavement leaves must be authorized by the Teacher's supervisor, in writing, and sent to Head Office for inclusion in the Teacher's file.

The Employer reserves the right to request a death certificate.

13.03 Teachers may request an unpaid leave of absence for up to twelve (12) months. Teachers will do so in writing, at least eight (8) weeks prior to the expected beginning of the leave. Teachers may not request a leave to obtain employment with another educational institution, except by mutual agreement. All leaves of absence under this Article 13.03 must be granted in writing and are leaves without pay. Teachers on approved leaves of absences under Article 13.03 will have their seniority frozen as of the date the leave commences and will not accrue seniority during the leave. Teachers who are on an approved leave without pay will notify the Employer of their expected return date at least four (4) week prior to their return.

**ARTICLE 14 — HUMAN RIGHTS/PRIVACY**

14.01 The Employer will comply with all applicable privacy and human rights legislation.

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**ARTICLE 15 — OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- 15.01 The Employer shall comply with all Workers' Compensation Act requirements, including, but not limited to, the establishment of a Joint Health and Safety Committee.

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**ARTICLE 16 — ADJUSTMENT PLAN**

- 16.01 If the Employer introduces or intends to introduce a measure, policy, practice or change that affects the terms, conditions or security of employment of a significant number of Teachers to whom the Collective Agreement applies, Section 54 of the Labour Relations Code shall apply.

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**ARTICLE 17 — COPYRIGHT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

- 17.01 Any course material and/or program/curriculum development produced by a Teacher for the Employer, which is either expressly commissioned by the Employer, or is part of their normal classroom preparation, and which is prepared while in the employ of the Employer, will be considered to be and remain the exclusive property of the Employer to be used freely by the Employer, as long as desired. The Teacher may use such material outside of the school only with the written permission of the Executive Director, or designate. It is agreed that where the Executive Director, or designate, permits the use of such material outside of the school, the Teacher shall not modify the materials.
- 17.02 Where a Teacher creates materials on their own initiative, outside of paid work hours, for use in their instructional duties, such works will remain the property of the Teacher.
- 17.03 Materials created by a Teacher prior to their employment with the Employer shall remain the property of the Teacher.



**ARTICLE 18 — CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- 18.01 Teachers understand and acknowledge that as employees of the Employer they will acquire information about certain matters which are confidential to the Employer, and which information is the exclusive property of the Employer. Teachers shall treat all such information as confidential and shall not disclose it to any third party during their employment except, as required by or in the course of carrying out the duties of their employment, by law, or after the date of termination of the Teacher's employment, however caused, except with the Employer's written permission. The Employer will identify for the Teacher(s) in advance, what matters it deems to be confidential and the exclusive property of the Employer.
- 18.02 Teachers are expected to avoid potential or actual conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts of interest between their employment and personal interests and the interests of the Employer. An actual or potential conflict of interest arises when a Teacher is placed in a situation in which his or her personal interest, financial or otherwise, conflict, appear to conflict or have the potential to conflict with his or her responsibilities to the Employer. In the event that a Teacher discovers that a potential or actual conflict exists, the Teacher must advise their Academic Director immediately.

## **ARTICLE 19 — IN-CLASS OBSERVATIONS**

- 19.01 The primary goal of in-class observations is to generate an ongoing dialogue between management and Teachers aimed at improving or fine tuning teaching methods and approaches. The observation process shall be fair and reasonable designed to adequately assess the performance of Teachers.
- 19.02 Management reserves the right to observe Teachers without prior notice when the observation is being done because of student concerns. For routine annual observations of Teachers, Management shall provide at least forty-eight (48) hours' prior notice.
- 19.03 Procedure:
- The Teacher shall be given sufficient opportunity after the observation(s) to read and review the observation report and if desired, to discuss the report with the evaluator.
  - The Teacher shall be provided with a copy of the observation report and shall have five (5) days in which to consider the observation report before signing it.
  - The observation report shall provide room for the Teacher's signature in two (2) places: one, indicating the Teacher has read and accepts the observation report and another indicating that the Teacher disagrees with the observation report.
  - The Teacher shall be given the opportunity to append a written response to the observation report.
  - A Teacher's observation report shall not change after the Teacher has signed.
  - A Teacher's observation reports shall be placed in his or her personnel file.

**ARTICLE 20 — DISTRIBUTED EDUCATION**

- 20.01 Distributed learning includes but is not limited to, print based courses, on-line or web-based instruction, video-conferencing, teleconferencing, instructional video and audio tapes, hybrid or mixed mode programs or courses delivered by the Employer.
- 20.02 No Teacher shall be laid off as a direct result of the introduction of distributed learning or educational technology.

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**ARTICLE 21 — STATUTORY HOLIDAYS**

- 21.01 Except as modified herein, Statutory Holiday entitlement will be governed in accordance with the British Columbia Employment Standards Act.
- 21.02 The following are statutory holidays recognized by this Agreement: New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, B.C. Day, Labour Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, and any other day so proclaimed as a Statutory Holiday by the Government of the Province of British Columbia.
- 21.03 Whenever a Statutory Holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed.
- 21.04 When a Teacher is on vacation and a Statutory Holiday falls within that vacation period, the Statutory Holiday shall not count as a day of vacation.

## **ARTICLE 22 — VACATION LEAVE AND VACATION PAY**

### **22.01 Annual Vacation Leave**

- a. Vacation shall be based on the calendar year and on continuous service with the Employer beginning on the Teacher's last date of hire.
- b. Teachers shall be entitled to and shall take annual vacations on the following basis:
  - i. two (2) weeks' vacation after successful completion of the Probationary Period;
  - ii. three (3) weeks' vacation after three (3) consecutive years of employment; and
  - iii. five (5) weeks' vacation after five (5) consecutive years of employment.
- c. Except as provided herein, annual vacation time cannot be carried forward into any subsequent year. A Teacher is entitled to carry forward up to a maximum of one (1) week of unused vacation to the subsequent calendar year provided that any carry over must be used by no later than September 1 of that subsequent calendar year.

### **22.02 Vacation Pay**

- a. All hourly Teachers' vacation pay shall be calculated and paid on each pay cheque.
- b. Teachers shall earn vacation pay as follows:
  - i. 4% of earnings after five (5) consecutive days' employment;
  - ii. 4% of earnings plus an amount equal to one (1) week's average pay after three (3) consecutive years of employment; and
  - iii. 6% of earnings plus an amount equal to two (2) weeks' average pay after five (5) consecutive years' employment.

### 22.03 **Vacation Scheduling**

Between January 1st and January 31st of each year, regular Teachers shall indicate their vacation date preferences in accordance with the following process:

- a. Campuses will be closed for a one week period each year for Christmas break. Teachers will have the option to take that period either as vacation time, or as unpaid leave. Teachers cannot combine these two options to cover that period.
- b. The Employer shall post a vacation scheduling list in the staff or lunch room at each campus, on which Teachers shall indicate their choice of vacation dates.
- c. The Employer shall determine any weeks in which vacation may not be taken, based on its operational needs. The Employer will make every reasonable effort to accommodate Teachers who have special requests for vacation time during those weeks, such vacation shall be approved subject to the operating needs of the Employer.
- d. If two (2) or more Teachers wish to take vacation on the same dates, the Teachers shall first attempt to determine which Teacher shall be scheduled to take vacation during those days. If the Teachers are unable to resolve which Teacher will take vacation on those dates, the vacation will be scheduled based on seniority.
- e. The Employer shall post the final, approved vacation schedule by February 15th in each year.
- f. Once the final vacation schedule is posted, vacation dates shall not be changed except by mutual agreement of the Employer and the Teacher.
- g. Any vacation requests submitted after January 31st shall be considered on a first come first serve basis. The Employer will update the vacation calendar to include these requests once approved.
- h. If a Teacher wishes to take vacation from January 1st — January 31st, the Teacher may submit a vacation request to the Employer by November 30th of the previous year. The Employer shall respond to the Teacher's vacation request within one (1) week.

**ARTICLE 23 — SICK LEAVE AND PERSONAL DAYS**

- 23.01 Sick leave is granted by the Employer to a Teacher who is unable to work because of illness or injury.
- 23.02 Teachers are entitled to take sick leave as follows:
- Upon completion of 90 days of employment, Teachers may take up to five (5) paid days and three (3) unpaid days of sick leave per year.
- 23.03 The Employer reserves the right to request a doctor's note confirming the illness of a Teacher who is absent from work due to illness. Upon submission of appropriate receipts, the Employer will reimburse the Teacher for the fee charged by the doctor for obtaining the doctor's note.
- 23.04 Teachers may take up to three (3) personal days per year. Teachers must provide the Employer with one (1) week's advance notice of each personal day. Teachers may not take consecutive personal days.
- 23.05 Sick leave and personal days must generally be taken in the year in which they are earned. If a Teacher does not use all their sick days in any year, the Teacher will be permitted to carry over a maximum of three (3) paid sick days per year into a following year and bank the days carried over. It is agreed that a Teacher's sick bank cannot exceed 30 days in total.

**ARTICLE 24 — HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS**

24.01 All benefit plans coverage's terms, conditions and specific eligibility (including minimum hours of work) requirements will be governed by the actual terms and conditions of the benefit plans as amended from time to time. Any descriptions in this Agreement are provided for the purpose of general information. Any dispute regarding specific claims or insurabilities are not arbitrable and must be directed by the Teacher to the insurer.

24.02 The Employer's liability under any benefit plan is limited to the payment of its share of premiums, if any, in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>COMPLETED TIME WITH EMPLOYER</b>	<b>TEACHER PORTION</b>	<b>EMPLOYER PORTION</b>
Upon completion of Probationary Period	50%	50%
2 years	25%	75%
3 years	10%	90%
4 years	0%	100%

24.03 The Employer reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to change insurance carriers or policies, which could change or eliminate specific elements of coverage. The benefit coverage will be substantially similar to the benefit plans already provided. The Employer will provide notice to the Union prior to any change in carrier or policy at least one (1) month prior to implementation. A summary of the current employee benefit coverage is attached as Schedule A.

24.04 Subject to the terms of the plans, Teachers who are laid off and have recall rights may continue on the appropriate benefit plans for the balance of the recall periods provided the Teacher pre-pays the total premiums.

24.05 Participation in any employee benefit plans offered by the Employer is a condition of employment unless the Teacher can prove they have coverage elsewhere.

24.06 The parties agree to establish a Joint Benefits Committee with equal representation from the Employer and the Union (up to a maximum of 2 representatives from each party). The Joint Benefits Committee will meet annually to review the current health and welfare benefit coverage, including, but not limited to, dental, prescription drugs and vision care, and make non-binding recommendations prior to the expiration of the Collective Agreement.



## ARTICLE 25 — WAGES

- 25.01 The Employer will pay wages in accordance with Schedule B attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement. Teachers will be paid bi-weekly and will be provided with an itemized statement of wages, deductions, etc. Payment will be made by direct deposit to a financial institution in British Columbia of the Teacher's choice.
- 25.02 Teachers (including those holding the position of Academic Supervisor or any Coordinator Position) will be paid based on the number of assigned teaching hours worked. The wages rates set out in Schedule B shall cover all hours of assigned instruction, office hours, staff meetings and committee meetings. In addition to the wage rates set out in Schedule B, the Employer will pay teachers an additional seventeen percent (17%) preparation pay for each teaching hour assigned (there will be no preparation pay for meetings).
- Demo lessons or workshops assigned by the Employer to Academic Supervisors or any Coordinator Position will be considered assigned teaching hours and paid at the appropriate Teacher wage rate in Schedule B, including preparation pay. Teachers, including Academic Supervisors and Coordinators, who are assigned curriculum development in lieu of teaching hours will be paid at their appropriate Teacher wage rate in Schedule B. No Teacher who is assigned curriculum development in lieu of teaching hours will receive less pay than they would have for the teaching assignment.
- 25.03 In addition, Teachers who are assigned to supervise Advanced TESOL will be paid a monthly stipend of \$250. This amount covers all work and duties performed by a Teacher associated with Advanced TESOL. Teachers who are assigned to supervise Regular TESOL will be paid a monthly stipend of \$150. This amount covers all work and duties performed by a Teacher associated with Regular TESOL. The monthly stipend for both the Advanced TESOL and Regular TESOL will be adjusted annually at the same rate as the annual wage increases set out in Schedule B — Wage Schedule.
- 25.04 Teachers holding the position of Academic Supervisor, or any Coordinator Position will be paid for administrative duties as may be assigned by the Employer, including without limitation, preparing for graduation, responding to e- mails related to student/classes, supporting entrance examinations, assisting in training, reviewing and updating manuals, conducting research for programs, at the hourly Administrative Rate set out in Schedule B. The Employer will assign no less than two (2) and no more than ten (10) hours of administrative duties per week.

- 25.05 Teachers in the EPE and IELTS programs shall be paid an additional top up in recognition of the additional marking required. Teachers shall be paid at their appropriate Teacher wage rate in Schedule B, based on the number of students in their class:

Number of students	Number of additional hours of pay per week
1 to 4	1.5
5 to 8	2.5
9 to 11	3.5
12 to 14	4.5
15+	5.5

- 25.06 For Employment Insurance benefit purposes only: it is recognized that a Teacher's work load is comprised of more than the assigned hours, and involves additional personal unassigned professional time for preparation, marking, etc., on the part of the Teacher. It is agreed that assigned time and personal unassigned professional time combined constitutes the equivalent of eight (8) additional hours per week on average for a full-time Teacher, and pro-rata for a Teacher who works fewer assigned hours per week.

For greater certainty, this provision is for Employment Insurance purposes only and the Employer is only required to pay wages based on the number of actual assigned teaching hours in accordance with Article 25.02.

- 25.07 Where the Employer requires a Teacher to teach a combined class (e.g., to cover for another Teacher on sick leave), the Employer will pay the Teacher 1.5 times their regular pay for any combined classes taught.
- 25.08 If the Employer assigns a Teacher to train another Teacher, the Teacher conducting the training will receive their regular pay, including preparation time, for the time spent training the other Teacher.

**ARTICLE 26 — PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 26.01 The Employer agrees to provide each Teacher with up to two (2) days, with pay, for the Teacher to participate in Professional Development activities, provide the Teacher provides the Employer with at least four (4) weeks' notice prior to the activity, and there is an available Teacher on Call to cover the Teacher's classes.
- 26.02 Following completion of the Professional Development activity, the Teacher will submit documentation of the activity to their personnel file.

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## ARTICLE 27 — EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE

27.01 The spouse or child of an employee (Temporary Employees Excluded) is eligible to enrol in a course or a full program offered at any Sprott Shaw Campus.

- Sprott Shaw will reduce 50% of the tuition cost (to a maximum of \$5,000) for full-time employees with less than one year continuous employment. The employee will be responsible for the payment of books and course materials.
- Sprott Shaw will reduce 100% of the tuition cost (to a maximum of \$10,000) for full-time employees with more than one year of continuous employment. The employee will be responsible for the payment of books and course materials.
- Sprott Shaw will reduce 25% of the tuition cost (to a maximum of \$2500) for part-time employees with less than one year of continuous employment. The employee will be responsible for the payment of books and course materials.
- Sprott Shaw will reduce 50% of the tuition cost (to a maximum of \$10,000) for part-time employees with more than one year of continuous employment. The employee will be responsible for the payment of books and course materials.
- Sprott Shaw will pay 100% of the tuition cost (to a maximum of \$5,000) for part-time employees with five or more years of continuous employment. The employee will be responsible for the payment of books and course materials.
- Any reduction for tuition received from Sprott Shaw cannot be claimed on your taxes.
- The balance of tuition, books or course materials not paid by Sprott Shaw may be claimed.
- Employees wishing to exercise this option must make prior arrangements with the President or delegate.
- A limit of one submission per year, to a maximum of three submissions.
- This benefit is based on space availability.

If, during the time a family member is taking a program with Sprott Shaw College and the employee terminates employment with Sprott Shaw language College, an SAF to adjust the enrolment contract will be required. This will show tuition owed the college, pro-rated from the employee's last day of work for the remainder of the family member's program.

**ARTICLE 28 — TERM OF AGREEMENT**

- 28.01 The term of the Collective Agreement shall be from March 1, 2021, to February 28, 2026.
- 28.02 Any changes deemed necessary in this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement in writing at any time during the term of the Agreement.
- 28.03 The Collective Agreement will remain in full force and effect during the term of the Agreement. Upon expiry of the Agreement, all terms and conditions, wages and benefit shall remain in effect until a new Agreement is reached, or until the Union commences a strike or the Employer commences a lock out.
- 28.04 The parties agree to exclude the operations of sections 50(2) and (3) of the Labour Relations Code.

Signed at Vancouver, BC, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 202\_\_.

For the Employer

For the Union

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**SCHEDULE A — SSLC HEALTH & WELFARE BENEFIT SUMMARY**

<b>BENEFIT</b>	<b>SUMMARY COVERAGE</b>
Eligibility	permanent, non-seasonal, 24+ hrs per week
Deductible for Prescription Drugs	None
Deductible for other Healthcare Expenses	\$25 per person, \$50 per family per calendar year
Reimbursement for Prescription Drugs	80%
Reimbursement for Paramedical Expenses	80% to a limit of \$200 each service per calendar year
Drug maximum per calendar year	\$3,000
Deductible for Dental	None
Dental – Plan A (Basic)	80%
Dental – Plan B (Major Restorative)	50%
Dental – Plan C (Orthodontic)	None
Dental Limits for Plan A&B	\$2,000 per person, in calendar year
Dental Limits for Plan C	n/a
Dual Coverage	Yes
Late Enrolment EHC	Within 1 month
Late Enrolment Dental	Within 1 month
Vision Care	Eye exams: discounts with preferred vision services; contact lenses and glasses: combined \$200 per 24-month period
Paramedical Expenses	80% to a limit of \$200 each service per calendar year
Emergency Travel Assistance	Yes
Group Life	\$25,000
LTD Coverage	Yes
In Canada Home Nursing Care	\$10,000 for a maximum 12 months per condition

**SCHEDULE B — WAGE SCHEDULE**

**Base**

Position / Years of Service	March 1, 2021	March 1, 2022	March 1, 2023	March 1, 2024	March 1, 2025
Teacher – Probationary Period	\$22.54	\$22.99	\$23.68	\$24.39	\$25.12
Teacher – upon successful completion of Probationary Period to 1 year of completed service	\$25.01	\$25.51	\$26.27	\$27.06	\$27.87
Teacher – after 1 year of completed service	\$26.29	\$26.81	\$27.62	\$28.44	\$29.30
Teacher – after 3 years of completed service	\$27.90	\$28.46	\$29.31	\$30.19	\$31.10
Teacher – after 5 years of completed service	\$31.12	\$31.74	\$32.69	\$33.67	\$34.68
Staff Teacher on Call	Applicable Instructor rate based on years of service paid for all hours worked				
Teacher on call	\$22.54	\$22.99	\$23.68	\$24.39	\$25.12
Administrative rate	\$19.67	\$20.07	\$20.67	\$21.29	\$21.93

**With preparation pay (art. 25.02)**

Position / Years of Service	March 1, 2021	March 1, 2022	March 1, 2023	March 1, 2024	March 1, 2025
Teacher – Probationary Period	\$26.37	\$26.89	\$27.70	\$28.53	\$29.39
Teacher – upon successful completion of Probationary Period to 1 year of completed service	\$29.26	\$29.85	\$30.74	\$31.66	\$32.61
Teacher – after 1 year of completed service	\$30.75	\$31.37	\$32.31	\$33.28	\$34.28
Teacher – after 3 years of completed service	\$32.65	\$33.30	\$34.30	\$35.33	\$36.39
Teacher – after 5 years of completed service	\$36.41	\$37.13	\$38.25	\$39.40	\$40.58
Staff Teacher on Call	Applicable Instructor rate based on years of service paid for all hours worked				
Teacher on call	\$26.37	\$26.89	\$27.70	\$28.53	\$29.39
Administrative rate	\$23.02	\$23.48	\$24.18	\$24.91	\$25.65



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 1**

Between:

SPROTT-SHAW LANGUAGE COLLEGE (2017) (BC) CORP.  
(the "Employer")

And

EDUCATION AND TRAINING EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION  
(the "Union")

Re: Class schedule

The Employer reserves the right to set the class schedule, provided that it incorporates the following elements:

1. Breaks of at least 15 minutes between classes; and
2. A lunch break of at least one hour between morning classes and afternoon classes.

Should either party wish to discuss changes to the class schedule, they may do so at a meeting of the Union/Management Committee.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 2**

Between:

SPROTT-SHAW LANGUAGE COLLEGE (2017) (BC) CORP.  
(the "Employer")

And

EDUCATION AND TRAINING EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION  
(the "Union")

Re: Final Friday Schedule

The parties have agreed to a new schedule for the last Friday of each academic month. In the afternoon, Teachers will be on campus, but spend their time preparing for the upcoming session. The Employer will assign up to two (2) Teachers to teach the registered students for the afternoon. Teachers will be assigned afternoon teaching on Final Fridays on a rotating basis. The assigned teachers will still get an additional two (2) hours for preparation. Where the Friday is a holiday, Friday will be replaced by Thursday.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 3**

Between:

SPROTT-SHAW LANGUAGE COLLEGE (2017) (BC) CORP.  
(the "Employer")

And

EDUCATION AND TRAINING EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION  
(the "Union")

Re: Lease

The Employer will keep the Union apprised of the status of lease negotiations. Upon entering into any new lease agreement, the Employer will consult with the Union regarding class sizes and homeroom assignments. Such consultation will be timely and meaningful.

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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 4**

Between:

SPROTT-SHAW LANGUAGE COLLEGE (2017) (BC) CORP.  
(the "Employer")

And

EDUCATION AND TRAINING EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION  
(the "Union")

Re: Curriculum Committee

The parties agree to establish a Curriculum Committee to review the implementation of curriculum and textbooks and to address any issues arising therefrom.

The Curriculum Committee shall consist of two (2) excluded employees of the Employer, selected by the Employer, and two (2) Union representatives employed by the Employer, selected by the Union.

The Curriculum Committee will meet within 4 weeks of the date of ratification of the collective agreement and at least quarterly thereafter or at the request of either party.