

THESA GOALS & OBJECTIVES 2018-2019

GOAL	OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION (method & criteria)
To promote and advance the teaching of Home Economics throughout British Columbia.	Foster within our profession greater understanding of the value of home economics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage professional dialogue through chapter meetings, networking, social media, and professional activities. Explore ways that THESA can support local chapters and support members outside the lower mainland. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members have been encouraged to join or create LSAs, and there continues to be dialogue via the online community (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) related to issues and teaching resources for the classroom. Continue to provide up to \$500 for chapters to use for professional development activities. October 2019 conference to be held in Surrey, BC.
	Continue to increase public awareness of the value of home economics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicize our professional development. Increase media coverage of home economics activities. Encourage communications between home economics teachers, other educators, the home, and the community, by pursuing representation on committees related to home economics (e.g., Healthy Schools Network, FoodSafe, Physical and Health Education, Science, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The THESA conference is advertised in Teacher magazine, on our website, and social media. THESA members continue to participate on committees such as the Applied Skills Curriculum Team, Healthy Schools Network, FoodSafe, KPU Design School Advisory, and ERAC resource evaluations. Explore the possibility of a BC Home Economics Day with the Ministry of Agriculture Explore creating a Facebook page that allows us to advertise – perhaps use it as a platform to send out messages about food, health, etc. that are relevant to the public

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<p>To provide leadership in professional development.</p>	<p>Closely monitor and respond to educational change as it affects home economics education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the BCTF, influence Ministry of Education policies and practices as related to home economics. • Support the development of practical curriculum support materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum supports continue to be shared through the online community and members share lessons and activities through our newsletter, on the THESA google drive, and on TeachBC. • Three Home Economics teachers are members of the ADST team meeting with the Ministry of Education. • THESA is developing resources to support implementation of the new curriculum and will make them available on the THESA google drive and/or on TeachBC. • Continue to respond to the revised ADST curriculum when requested. • Survey members re successes/concerns with implementation of the K-10 Home Economics curriculum.
	<p>Provide leadership in and opportunities for professional development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue involvement in the development and implementation of new curriculum and teaching materials. • Encourage dialogue and the development and sharing of resource materials in support of new curriculum. • Keep THESA members informed of the issues related to the development and implementation of new curriculum as issues arise. • Encourage the Ministry to support teachers in the development of the new resources. • As curriculum resources become available, share them with members by all available means. • Continue to be involved in the evaluation of new teaching techniques, concepts, and resources. • Support and encourage development of materials for students with diverse needs in home economics. • Support teachers in integrating Aboriginal principles of learning and content into the new curriculum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THESA members have been appointed to the ADST team meeting with the Ministry of Education. • We will lobby the Ministry and support BCTF initiatives for Ministry financial support of new curriculum implementation. • We will advertise the THESA google drive and TeachBC in our online journal and encourage members to submit lesson ideas. • Resource sharing on our Facebook account and in our newsletter. • Provide support, as requested, to other PSAs with content in our area of expertise (e.g. nutrition, sexual health education, etc.). • THESA Conference, "Weaving Indigenous Perspectives" to be held in Prince George, BC – October 2018 • Explore the possibility of offering a THESA-sponsored event in the lower mainland in February, 2019 • Encourage members to attend the Canadian Home Economics Symposium in Vancouver in February, 2019

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	<p>Promote professional standards of qualifications and training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the newsletter, website and online community publicize courses, workshops and conferences that may be of interest to members. • Maintain communication with related universities and university colleges. • Support the promotion of undergraduate/graduate programs in home economics education. • Publicize Home Economics programs at UBC and encourage students to consider teaching Home Economics as a future career. • Provide scholarships to students enrolled in a university program that benefits home economics education. • Support and encourage teachers, through the BCTF and their local associations, to establish and maintain professional standards of home economics education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our conference, workshops, and courses that may be of interest to our members are publicized through the newsletter, website, and online community. • A THESA executive member is now an adjunct professor at the UBC Home Economics faculty and promotes THESA membership and benefits with students. • Three scholarships were given this year in support of students and teachers studying in Home Economics. • We continue to monitor the UBC Home Economics teacher preparation program and support and encourage its continuation.
<p>To provide opportunities for THESA members to communicate with each other, the executive, and the BCTF through a variety of means.</p>	<p>Maintain the communication network between the executive of THESA and its membership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a conference once a year when possible in conjunction with the annual general meeting. • Plan and hold professional development workshops in accordance with the needs and interests of members. • Publish a minimum of four newsletters a year where possible. • Encourage feedback from THESA members throughout the province on issues related to home economics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide up to \$500 for chapters to use for professional development activities. • Four newsletters were published digitally this year. We continue to create an archive of past newsletters on our website. • The online community (Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram, and Twitter) continues to be a place where members ask questions, submit resources, and discuss issues related to home economics. • Encourage members to provide feedback on the revised curriculum.