
**SCHOOL ACT
ALBERTA REGULATION 4/99**

PRACTICE REVIEW OF TEACHERS REGULATION

DECISION OF THE PRACTICE REVIEW PANEL

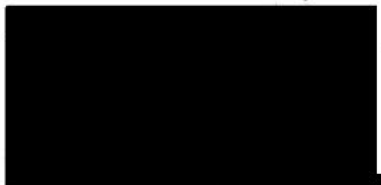
REGARDING MR. PETER REEDYK

HEARING HELD ON JUNE 30, 2005

AT EDMONTON, ALBERTA

PANEL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair
Public Member:
Teacher Member
Teacher Member
Teacher Member



The Hearing was held on June 30, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Harley Court Building. A Court Reporter [REDACTED] formally recorded the proceedings.

The following were present at the hearing:

LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE PANEL:

[REDACTED] Alberta Justice

REGISTRAR:

Under Section 14(1) of the *Practice Review of Teachers Regulation (Regulation)* [REDACTED] represented the Registrar, [REDACTED] (Director, Teacher Development and Certification Branch, Alberta Education).

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

[REDACTED]
Teacher Development and Certification
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TEACHER:

Mr. Peter Reedyk, the teacher, was not in attendance. The Panel heard evidence that the notice of hearing was served on the teacher on May 25, 2005. Further Mr. Peter Reedyk had contacted the Registrar by telephone on May 26, 2005 informing the Registrar that he would likely not be present and would be requesting cancellation of his Alberta teaching certificate.

MANDATE OF THE PRACTICE REVIEW PANEL:

To investigate the complaint that Mr. Peter Reedyk's actions constituted unskilled or incompetent teaching as defined under section 18 of the *Practice Review of Teacher's Regulation (Regulation)* and unprofessional conduct as defined under section 19 of the *Regulation*.

HISTORY OF COMPLAINT:

On January 12, 2004 the Registrar was notified by the British Columbia College of Teachers that Mr. Peter Reedyk's certificate of qualification to teach had been indefinitely suspended. This cancellation was the result of a sub-committee hearing of the Discipline Committee of the British Columbia College of Teachers who met on July 6, 2003 at the College offices to inquire into allegations of professional misconduct or other conduct unbecoming a member. The Registrar appointed an investigator on July 30, 2004 to investigate this matter. On May 9, 2005 the Registrar notified the teacher that based on the investigative report he was referring the complaint to a Practice Review Panel.

PROCEEDINGS:

Prior to the start of the hearing, as part of preliminary matters, the hearing was opened to the public.

EVIDENCE:

The Registrar presented the following evidence to the Panel:

- Information was obtained from the British Columbia College of Teachers with respect to Mr. Peter Reedyk being found guilty of professional misconduct and

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conduct unbecoming a member of the college.

- Data provided by the British Columbia College of Teachers included information that from approximately September 1995 to June 2002, while employed as a teacher in a school, Mr. Peter Reedyk:
 1. utilized an inappropriate form of physical discipline with [REDACTED] students;
 2. solicited [REDACTED] students to beat or whip him for personal gratification;
 3. invited a [REDACTED] student to his residence for an improper purpose; and
 4. rewarded the students involved with candy, money and improved class marks.
- A Hearing Sub-Committee of the Discipline Committee of the British Columbia College of Teachers on July 6, 2003 made the unanimous decision that Mr. Peter Reedyk's membership in the College of Teachers and certificate of qualification be suspended indefinitely, such suspension to come to an end when the following requirements had been completed:
 1. Mr. Peter Reedyk obtains a psychological assessment from a registered clinical psychiatrist acceptable to the College
 2. Mr. Peter Reedyk completes any course of therapy or other treatment recommended by the psychiatrist
 3. Mr. Peter Reedyk consents to the release of any assessments, diagnosis or reports prepared by the clinical psychiatrist or other professional to whom Mr. Peter Reedyk is referred, and
 4. The psychiatrist advises the College that, in his professional opinion, there is no risk of Mr. Peter Reedyk repeating the sort of conduct that gave rise to the issuance of this citation.
- A document search verified that one, Peter Reedyk, found guilty of professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming a member of the College by the British Columbia College of Teachers is one and the same teacher holding Alberta Permanent Teacher Certificate [REDACTED]
- Having been found guilty of professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming a member of the College by the British Columbia College of Teachers and having had his membership and certification of qualification suspended indefinitely brings into question the suitability for Mr. Peter Reedyk to hold an Alberta teaching certificate given that his conduct is detrimental to the best interest of students, the public and teachers generally.
- There is no evidence to date that Mr. Peter Reedyk has fulfilled any of the requirements outlined by the British Columbia College of Teachers to end the indefinite suspension.
- Following receipt of the Notice of Panel Review Hearing, Mr. Peter Reedyk wrote

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to the Registrar in a letter dated May 26, 2005 indicating his desire to have his Alberta Teaching Certificate cancelled.

- In a letter dated June 30, 2005 Mr. Peter Reedyk wrote to the Minister of Education requesting the cancellation of his Alberta Teaching certificate.

PANEL'S FINDING:

In review of the evidence presented to the Panel, the Panel finds that Mr. Peter Reedyk's conduct is unbecoming of an educator. The Panel also finds that Mr. Peter Reedyk is unskilled and incompetent in that he displays a lack of knowledge, skill or judgment in teaching.

The Panel finds that while employed in British Columbia as a teacher Mr. Peter Reedyk:

- utilized an inappropriate form of physical discipline with [REDACTED] students.
- solicited [REDACTED] students to beat or whip him for his own personal gratification
- invited a [REDACTED] student to his residence for an improper purpose
- rewarded the students involved with candy, money and improved class marks

The Panel finds that this behaviour constitutes unprofessional conduct and incompetence in teaching in that it is detrimental to the best interests of students, the public or teachers generally.

PANEL'S RECOMMENDATION:

On the basis of the findings, the Panel recommends to the Minister of Education that Mr. Peter Reedyk's Alberta Permanent Professional Teaching Certificate be cancelled.

[REDACTED]
Chair
Practice Review Panel

July 27, 2005
Date