



DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

- a. Roger Edouard Mercier (DOB 1968/12/01)

- b. Professional Misconduct.
- c. The hearing was held January 21, 2002, at the College offices. The report and recommendations of the hearing panel were presented to Council on April 12, 2001.
- d. The hearing panel found: i) Mr Mercier sexually assaulted five students in his grade 5/6 class. He was charged under the *Criminal Code* and convicted in the British Columbia Provincial Court of sexual assault and sexual touching. ii) Mr Mercier assigned inappropriate research topics to his Grade 5/6 students, including a topic for debate, “should pornographic sites be allowed on the internet?” The hearing panel determined that Roger Edouard Mercier was guilty of professional misconduct.
- e. The hearing panel considered that Mr Mercier’s actions were a violation of the sexual integrity of young students placed in his care, and that his actions were a breach of the trust placed in him by his students, their parents, the profession and the public. The panel recommended to Council that Mr Mercier’s certificate of qualification be cancelled and his membership in the British Columbia College of Teachers be terminated.
- f. Council considered the report and recommendations of the hearing panel and cancelled Roger Edouard Mercier’s certificate of qualification and membership.