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School Trustees
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April 26-29, 2018

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

AGM 2018

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENT TRANSITION

POCKET GUIDE

We hope you enjoy your time at BCSTA'S
114th Annual General Meeting in Richmond, BC.

We have gathered some basic information to assist you at the event.

EMERGENCIES

Call 911.

If possible, please also notify the BCSTA registration desk.

HANDBOOKS AND POCKET GUIDES

In an effort to keep AGM green, *AGM Handbooks* are available online for use with your electronic devices. If you wish to have a paper copy of the *AGM Handbook*, you may print it at home, your district office or the hotel business centre.

The *AGM Pocket Guide* containing the program schedule and session descriptions is included in each delegate's AGM package. It is also available electronically on the BCSTA website.

BALLOTS

Ballot packages can be claimed by your board chairs or another representative at the registration desk. Ballots will need to be signed out by the board chair or representative. It is very important to note that all ballots are accounted for and there are no extra copies of ballots on site. Ballots are not replaceable. Please do not lose or misplace them.

PROGRAM CHANGES

BCSTA endeavors to bring you the best workshops and sessions, but due to unforeseen circumstances, changes and cancellations may occur. Please check the registration desk for possible changes in programming.

NEWS MEDIA

BCSTA's media specialist, Glenda Ollero, will be handling media inquiries. If you have any questions about media interviews, or require assistance with media who are sending AGM-related inquiries to your board, contact Glenda through the registration desk, or her cellphone at (604) 842-1167.

PHOTOS

Photos taken at AGM may be used for BCSTA publications and promotional materials. Photos will be posted on the [BCSTA Flickr stream](#) as they become available. If you have questions or concerns regarding photos, please contact Glenda Ollero at gollero@bcsta.org or at (604) 842-1167.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with your fellow delegates using social media. Keep your AGM-related tweets relevant and searchable by using the hashtags [#BCSTA](#) and join our trustee elections campaign by using the hashtag [#ProudToBeASchoolTrustee](#). Follow the official feed at [@BC_STA](#).

ELECTION CAMPAIGN PHOTO BOOTH

Take your photo in the photo booth outside the main ballroom and tell us why you're [#ProudToBeASchoolTrustee](#). We've included sticky note pads in your delegate packages so you can write down your thoughts and leave them the booth. We will collect all your notes and share the best ones on social media.

BCSTA HUB HELP DESK

A BCSTA HUB help desk will be setup near the registration area at AGM. BCSTA's IT manager, Matthew Taylor, and website specialist, Mark Regier, will be on hand to assist attendees and provide advice on how to get the most out of the HUB.

AUDIO RECORDING

As per BCSTA bylaw 21, proceedings at AGM will be audio recorded. Audio recordings will be preserved for a period of three years.

SCENTED PRODUCTS

Some delegates are sensitive to scented products. Please abstain from using scented products and perfumes while attending the AGM.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost or found personal items will be held at the BCSTA registration desk during the event. After AGM, unclaimed items will be handed over to the hotel front desk.

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION SURVEY

BCSTA is a member-driven organization. Through their active participation on BCSTA standing committees, and as BCSTA representatives on external committees, school trustees advise the Association on its work and carry forward the agenda of the Association with partner organizations.

School trustee volunteers are assigned to committees by the BCSTA's president, based on the volunteer's interests and availability, with a goal of balancing committees with as broad a base of representation as possible.

If you are interested in participating in a committee, a link to the online form will be sent to delegates following AGM.

EVALUATION

Send us your feedback. An evaluation survey asking for your feedback on the professional development sessions and the business session will be sent to delegates by email following AGM.

Please take a few minutes to fill it out. Your suggestions are valued and help us improve our events.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
11:30 A.M. Lobby Foyer	REGISTRATION OPENS
1:00-2:20 P.M. Elmbridge	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 1 (FEE APPLIES) How do School Districts Ensure that Students are Prepared for Transition to Post-Secondary Opportunities? <i>Ted Cadwallader, Provincial Director, Aboriginal Education, Ministry of Education</i> <i>Jan Unwin, Superintendent of Graduation and Student Transitions, Ministries of Education and Advanced Ed</i>
2:30-3:50 Elmbridge	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 2 (FEE APPLIES) Policy and Practice to Support Student Mental Health and Well-Being Ensuring Successful Transitions <i>Mali Bain, Provincial Lead, WellAhead (McConnell Foundation)</i> <i>Tanya Miller, Provincial Coordinator, Healthy Minds Healthy Campuses (Canadian Mental Health Association)</i> Mental Wellbeing Coaches: Deborah Koehn, Charlie Naylor, Gloria Raphael, Byron Robbie
2:30-3:50 Richmond A/B	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 3 (FEE APPLIES) Helpful Hints and Procedures for Chairing Effective Meetings <i>John Noonan, Professional Registered Parliamentarian</i>

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

TIME / VENUE

EVENT

4:00-5:00

Elmbridge

NETWORKING SESSION (INVITATION ONLY)

Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs with
BCSTA Board of Directors

7:00-7:20

Britannia
Ballroom A/B

AGM 2018 OFFICIAL OPENING

Opening Ceremonies

- Call to Order
Mike Roberts, *CEO*, BCSTA
- O Canada
Ysabelle Santa Ana, *Student*,
Richmond School District
- Welcome Ceremony:
Shane Pointe, *Member*, Musqueam
First Nation & Coast Salish First Nation

Welcome Address

Gordon Swan, *President*, BCSTA

7:20-8:20

Britannia
Ballroom A/B

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Working Together for Successful Student Transition

Dr. Santa Ono, *President*, University of
British Columbia

8:20-8:30

Britannia
Ballroom A/B

GREETINGS FROM THE CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA)

Floyd Martens, *President*, CSBA

8:30-9:00

Britannia
Ballroom A/B

FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Teresa Rezansoff, *Past President*, BCSTA

9:00

Britannia
Ballroom C

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
7:15 A.M. Lobby Foyer	REGISTRATION RE-OPENS
7:30-8:40	BRANCH BREAKFAST MEETINGS <i>(Breakfast provided for delegates)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fraser Valley (Westminster 1)• Kootenay Boundary (Westminster 3)• Metropolitan Branch (Minoru B)• Northern Interior (Westminster 2)• North West (Minoru D)• South Coast (Cedarbridge)• Thompson Okanagan (Minoru C)• Vancouver Island (Minoru A)
8:50-9:10 Britannia Ballroom	DAY 2 OPENING REMARKS Gordon Swan, <i>President</i> , BCSTA
9:10-10:10 Britannia Ballroom	PLENARY 1 Preparing Our Students for the Future of Our Workforce Eric Termuende, <i>Co-Founder</i> , NoW Innovations
10:10-10:30	BREAK
10:30-11:30 Britannia Ballroom	PLENARY 2 Focusing on the Successful Transitions for Our Aboriginal Students Mike Downie, <i>Documentary Filmmaker/Co-Creator</i> , Secret Path

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
11:30-12:00 P.M. Britannia Ballroom	CELEBRATE PUBLIC EDUCATION Traditional Dance Presentation Wil Bakwhl K'ubatk'ihlgum Nisga'a, <i>Students, SD92 (Nisga'a)</i>
12:00-12:40 Britannia Ballroom	LUNCH <i>(Lunch provided for delegates)</i>
12:40-1:40 Britannia Ballroom	LONG TERM SERVICE RECOGNITION
1:40-1:50 Britannia Ballroom	GREETINGS FROM THE OPPOSITION CRITIC FOR EDUCATION MLA Mike Bernier, <i>former Minister of Education</i>
2:00-3:00	CONCURRENT SESSIONS <i>(See page 14 for more information)</i>
3:15-3:45 Britannia Ballroom	GREETINGS FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Hon. Rob Fleming, <i>Minister of Education</i>
3:45-5:00 Britannia Ballroom	BCSTA BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES' FORUM
5:00-7:00 Minoru Ballroom	RECEPTION Hosted by: The Canadian Union of Public Employees BC (CUPE BC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
7:15 A.M. Lobby Foyer	REGISTRATION RE-OPENS
7:30-8:15 Minoru A/B/C	BREAKFAST <i>(Breakfast provided for delegates)</i>
7:30-8:00 Elmbridge	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL BREAKFAST <i>(Breakfast provided for PC representatives)</i>
8:00-8:45 Elmbridge	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
9:00-12:00 P.M. Britannia Ballroom	AGM BUSINESS SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCSTA Committee Introductions• Candidate Speeches• Credentials Committee Report• Legislative Committee Report• Election: 2018-19 Board of Directors• Debate: Substantive Motions• Debate: Extraordinary Motions• Inauguration of 2018-19 Board of Directors
12:00-1:15 Minoru A/B/C	LUNCH <i>(Lunch provided for delegates)</i> Sponsored by: Harris & Company LLP
1:15-5:00 Britannia Ballroom	AGM BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued Debate: Substantive Motions• Debate: Late Motions <i>(If any)</i>
5:00	ADJOURNMENT or RECESS TO SUNDAY <i>(Pending completion of motion debates)</i>

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

TIME / VENUE

EVENT

7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST

(Breakfast not provided)

8:30

Britannia
Ballroom

AGM BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES

*(If motion debates are not completed
on Saturday)*

**AFTER DEBATES
ARE COMPLETED**

ADJOURNMENT

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 1 (FEE APPLIES)

HOW DO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ARE PREPARED FOR TRANSITION TO POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES?

Ted Cadwallader, *Provincial Director, Aboriginal Education*, Ministry of Education

Jan Unwin, *Superintendent of Graduation and Student Transitions*, Ministries of Education and Advanced Ed

Thursday, April 26 / 1:00-2:20 p.m. / Venue: Elmbridge

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 2 (FEE APPLIES)

POLICY AND PRACTICE TO SUPPORT STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: ENSURING SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS

Mali Bain, *Provincial Lead*, WellAhead (McConnell Foundation)

Tanya Miller, *Provincial Coordinator*, Healthy Minds | Healthy Campuses (Canadian Mental Health Association)

Mental Well-Being Coaches:

Deborah Koehn, *Instructor*, UNBC School of Education

Charlie Naylor, *Senior Researcher (retd.)*, BC Teachers' Federation

Gloria Raphael, *former Principal for Aboriginal Education*, SD36 (Surrey); former Principal, SD39 (Vancouver) and SD61 (Greater Victoria)

Byron Robbie, *Superintendent (retd.)*, SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)

Student well-being is essential for student success in K-12 and post-secondary contexts. This session will explore examples of ways to move from crisis response and 'programmatic' interventions to a systemic approach to extending a supportive learning environment. This session will feature education leaders from several school districts and post-secondary institutions across the province who will be sharing their insights and exploring learnings from over a decade of work. Join a thought-provoking panel for a follow-up discussion.

Thursday, April 26 / 2:30-3:50 p.m. / Venue: Elmbridge

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 3 (FEE APPLIES)

HELPFUL HINTS AND PROCEDURES FOR CHAIRING EFFECTIVE MEETINGS

John Noonan, *Professional Registered Parliamentarian*

Process and people combine to make effective school board and committee meetings. In this hands-on seminar, attendees will walk through the process of organizing, leading and participating in these meetings. By the end of this module, partakers will have a clear knowledge of meeting procedures and possess the confidence to be a full participant in all board and committee decisions.

Thursday, April 26 / 2:30-3:50 p.m. / Venue: Richmond A/B

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENT TRANSITION

Dr. Santa Ono, *President*, University of British Columbia

Professor Santa Ono's keynote will explore how traditional methods of teaching and learning are being transformed as we prepare our students to meet the challenges of a world very different from the one encountered by their parents and grandparents.

Thursday, April 26 / 7:45-9:00 p.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom A/B

PLENARY 1

PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR WORKFORCE

Eric Termuende, *Co-founder*, NoW Innovations

Eric Termuende is a thought-leader on optimizing workplace culture, the future of work and engagement in the workplace. He believes that if he can help make people's lives better at work, he can make people's lives better.

On stage, Eric's engaging presentations bring forward timely data and insight with compelling visuals to motivate audiences

towards future success. He is dynamic, passionate, charismatic informative and very relevant to the current business environment.

Prior to NoW Innovations, Eric co-founded DRYVER Group; a consultancy focused on the attraction and retention of top talent. Here he co-developed a tool that quantifies workplace culture. Eric and his team helped pinpoint strengths and opportunities in an organization to optimize culture, improve attraction and mitigate poor retention numbers. Believing that collaboration is a key to success, Eric has helped develop a partnership network in Canada to emphasize the importance of teamwork and the delivery of great work.

Friday, April 27 / 9:10-10:10 a.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom

PLENARY 2

FOCUSING ON THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS FOR OUR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

Mike Downie, *Documentary Filmmaker/Co-Creator*, *Secret Path*

When Mike Downie first heard the story of Chanie “Charlie” Wenjack—an Ojibway boy who died while running away from his residential school—it was like an arrow shot through his heart. Haunted, he shared the story with his brother, celebrated musician Gord Downie, and the two vowed to find a way to tell it to the world. The result was their multi-media project *Secret Path*, consisting of a music album and a graphic novel and film (with artist Jeff Lemire), that has captured the hearts and minds of Canadians. Using Chanie’s story as a starting point, Mike helps audiences understand Canada’s troubling legacy of residential schools, to explore how to reconcile with the past and bring healing as individuals and as a nation.

A celebrated storyteller, Mike is a writer, director and producer of numerous documentaries, as well as a founder of Edgarland Films. He is the winner of a Canadian Screen Award for Best Science Documentary for his film, *Invasion of the Brain Snatchers*. He received a Gemini Award nomination

for Best Direction, and a nomination for the Allan King Award for Documentary Excellence for his film, *One Ocean*. The documentary also won two prestigious Chris Awards at the Columbus International Film and Video Festival.

Mike is a co-founder of the Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund, part of the movement to jumpstart reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.

Friday, April 27 / 10:30-11:30 a.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom

CELEBRATE PUBLIC EDUCATION

TRADITIONAL DANCE PRESENTATION

Wil Bakwhl K'ubatk'ihlgum Nisga'a

Students: Laney Munroe (Ksim Lax Gibuu), Lennox Mercer (Lax Sgiik), Ethan Clayton (Lax Gibuu), Kithana Mercer (Gisk'aast), Navaeh Clayton (Ksim Ganada), Nishaya Mercer (Ksim Lax Sgiik), Brooke Munroe (Ksim Ganada), Lily Azak (Ksim Lax Gibuu), Katie Nyce (Ksim Lax Sgiik), Kyla Moore (Ksim Lax Sgiik), Cherish Nyce (Ksim Ganada), Owen Azak (Lax Gibuu), Liam Stevens (Lax Sgiik), Markus Wilson (Lax Sgiik), Trinitee Willie (Ksim Lax Gibuu), Erin Moore (Ksim Lax Sgiik), Brock Watts (Gisk'aast), Aiden Stewart (Lax Gibuu), Quinn Angus (Ksim Lax Sgiik) and Kary Lincoln (Ksim Ganada)

The Wil Bakwhl K'ubatk'ihlgum Nisga'a are from the Nass Valley in British Columbia, home of the mighty Lisims (Nass River) and the Nisga'a Nation. The Nation is comprised of four clans: Gisk'aast (Killerwhale), Ganada (Raven), Lax Sgiik (Eagle) and Lax Gibuu from the four Nisga'a communities of Gitlaxtaamiks, Gitwinksihlkw, Lax Galts'ap and Gingolx. Their valley is rich in an abundance of resources that begins with the celebration of the Nisga'a New Year - Hoobiyee - marked by the crescent moon in Buxwlas (mid-February).

Students attend four elementary schools in the Nisga'a School District. This group represents the 260 elementary and 120 secondary students in the district.

The group is proud to represent their families, communities, schools, school district and the Nisga'a Nation as they honour their ancestors, history and heritage with the Nisga'a songs and dances they have practiced to share with the BC's school trustees at the 2018 BCSTA Annual General Meeting.

Friday, April 27 / 11:30-12:00 p.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1: PREPARING FOR THE 2018 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Audrey Ackah, *Legal Counsel*, BCSTA

Karen Loughran, *Senior Legislative Analyst, Legislation, Policy & Governance*,
Ministry of Education

Louise Sawdon, *Manager, Local Elections Campaign Financing*, Elections BC

This presentation will help candidates prepare for the 2018 school trustee elections. The presenters will provide attendees with an overview of the new rules that will apply to the 2018 trustee elections, highlight key dates for candidates to be aware of and identify resources that are available to assist candidates with complying with the election rules. The presentation will place particular emphasis on the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

Friday, April 27 / 2:00-3:00 p.m. / Venue: Minoru A

2: THE WORLD OF RECRUITMENT IN BC: STRATEGIES TO MAXIMIZE YOUR RECRUITMENT EFFORTS AND THE SECTOR LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Judy Maranda, *Director, Sustainable Workforce Project*, BC Public School
Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Janet Stewart, *Chief Operating Officer*, BCPSEA

As district's recruitment needs grow and competition for candidates increases, leveraging your district's unique culture and differentiating your organization from others is important.

Janet Stewart, COO, BCPSEA, will share strategies used to ensure that attendees are equipped to showcase the best of their culture to maximize the candidate 'fit' with their district.

Judy Maranda, Director, Sustainable Workforce Project, BCPSEA will share information on the Sector Labour Market Partnership program highlighting the goals of the project in supporting districts with recruitment challenges.

Friday, April 27 / 2:00-3:00 p.m. / Venue: Minoru B

3: ReconciliACTION: CREATING A NEW WAY FORWARD

Jacquelyn Wong, *Visual Arts Teacher*, West Vancouver Secondary School

Site Unseen involves two school districts, West Vancouver School District and Hartley Bay of the Gitga'at Nation from the Prince Rupert School District – two districts that are not only distinctively different in their physical locations but also distinctively different in culture, socio-economics and educational frameworks. This presentation will address the challenges and successes of the project and will give participants the chance to look at how the almost impossible became possible.

The project was designed to engage, inspire and further the journey of reconciliation. It was intended to create meaningful discussions to deepen understandings of each other's cultures. There was inquiry into "How can two coastal communities in the Pacific Northwest look at their histories, environments, beliefs and relationships to the land to help celebrate the past, present and future?" "Diversity and inclusion, youth, environment and national reconciliation" are integral educational concepts that naturally fit into the themes of this project. "It's a chance to encourage students to contribute to their communities in a way that will foster a greater sense of belonging, support meaningful reconciliation and leave a lasting legacy now and for future generations." This

reconciliACTION project continues to encourage the young artist to move forward with their new understandings.

Friday, April 27 / 2:00-3:00 p.m. / Venue: Westminster 2/3

4: STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: WAYS SCHOOL DISTRICTS CAN SUPPORT STUDENT AND STAFF WELL-BEING THROUGH POLICY AND PRACTICE

Mali Bain, *Provincial Lead*, WellAhead (McConnell Foundation)

Tanya Miller, *Provincial Coordinator*, Healthy Minds | Healthy Campuses
(Canadian Mental Health Association)

In this session, participants will have an opportunity to access specific resources designed for school districts to support mental well-being work, and work with a mental well-being coach who can support further thinking and action. Topics for discussion will include mental well-being, data analysis and interpretation, human resource implications of mental well-being work and principles from which to draw.

Friday, April 27 / 2:00-3:00 p.m. / Venue: Minoru D

5: YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT (YLP): A RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE

Ben McConchie, *Music Educator and Mentor*, Pender Islands Elementary
Secondary School

Willard Pelkey, *Tsawout First Nation Elder & Residential School Survivor*

Emily Raichura, *Teacher*, SD64 (Gulf Islands)

Romaine Underwood, *Teacher*, Tsawout First Nation Learning House

Students, *Grades 6-8*, Tsawout First Nation Learning House and Pender Islands
Elementary Secondary School

"How can we begin the truth and reconciliation process, if we don't know each other to begin with?"

During the fall of 2017, the Tsawout First Nation and the community of Pender Island BC, with the guidance of the Gulf Islands School District, began a historic partnership known as the Youth Leadership Project/Reconciliation Initiative. Six

students from Tsawout First Nation Learning House and six students from Pender Islands Elementary Secondary School met together one full day per week over the course of a few months to participate in leadership building skills that focused on understanding shared lands, distinct languages and cultures, who we are and where we are from, as well as enjoying their time together.

This presentation will cover the lessons learned and emotional stories from this powerful experience, as well as a discussion of the important role school districts and communities have in creating positive connections with First Nations communities. The presentation hopes to inspire other school districts in BC to consider their relationships with local First Nations and find ways that youth can help the healing process between communities throughout British Columbia.

Residential school survivor and Tsawout Elder, Willard Pelkey; teachers, Emily Raichura and Romaine Underwood; with mentor and music educator, Ben McConchie; and students who took part in the project will give this presentation discussing their experiences and hopes going forward for the Youth Leadership/Reconciliation Initiative.

Friday, April 27 / 2:00-3:00 p.m. / Venue: Minoru C



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