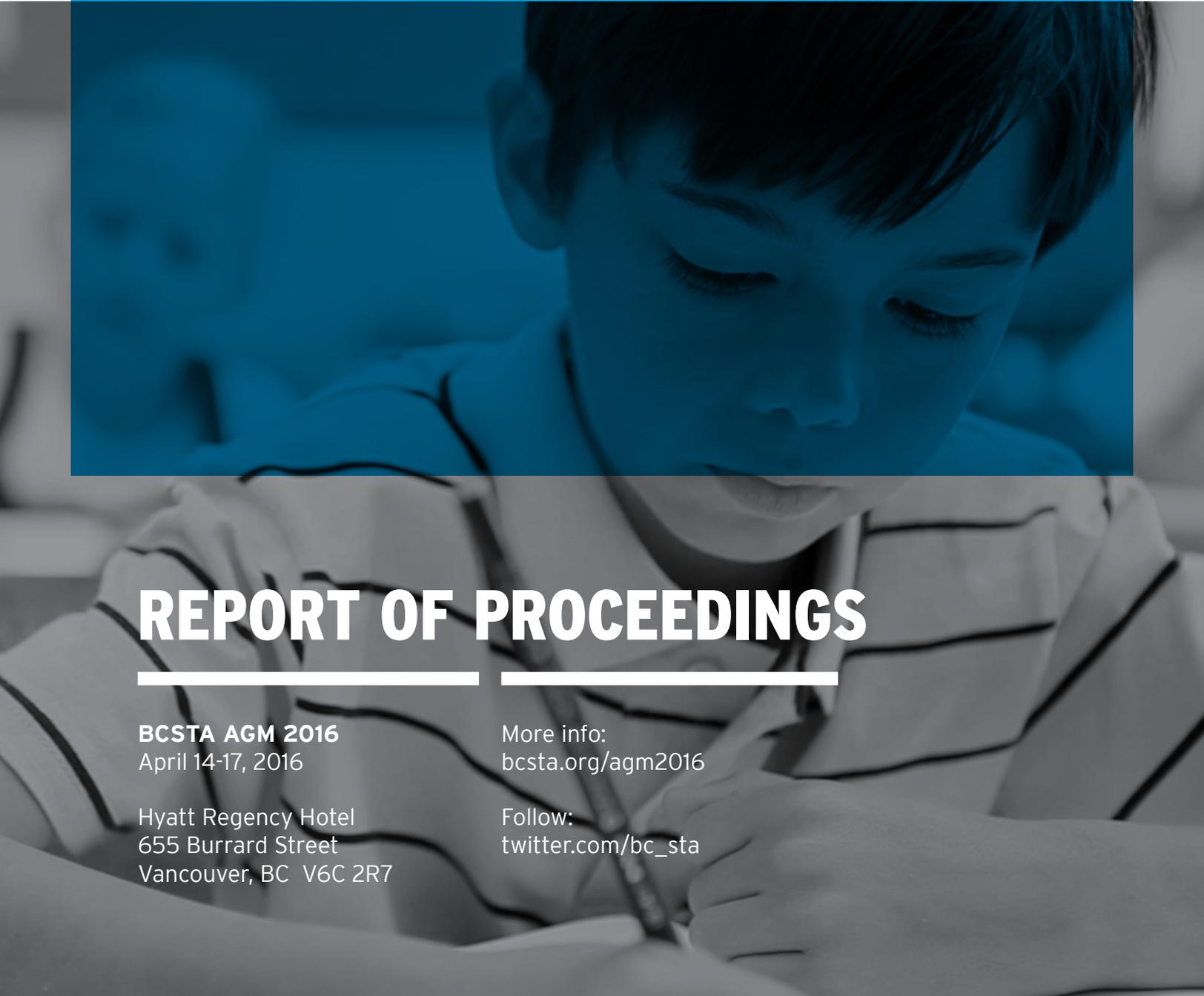


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# **British Columbia School Trustees Association** **112<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 2016**

Making the Connections for Student Success:  
Aligning vision, governance and finance

A background image of a young child with dark hair, wearing a light-colored striped shirt, is shown from the chest up. The child is looking down and writing on a piece of paper with a pencil. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text "REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS" is printed in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the lower portion of the image, with a white horizontal line underneath.

## **REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**BCSTA AGM 2016**  
April 14-17, 2016

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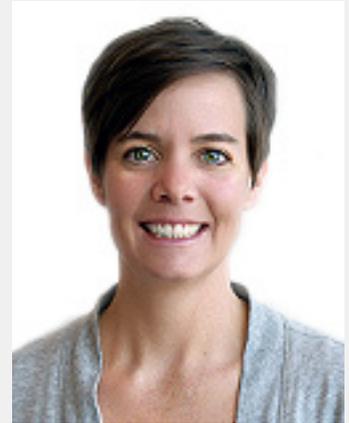
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Public education is a place where the diversity of our population is fully represented, and the achievement of that population is key to the success of a prosperous and democratic society. Belief in, and commitment to, high quality public education ensures that we can achieve and maintain the type of society we all want to live in. And more importantly, the type of society we want not just our children but *all* children to grow up in.

Without a doubt, you represent that belief, that commitment, in this province.

Locally-elected boards of education are a critical element in the creation and maintenance of a democratic and inclusive Canadian society. As school trustees, we have a long tradition of service to our communities in support of public education. The governance role that you undertake in your school districts is vital in ensuring the effective and responsive management of schools across BC. More importantly though, your work as school trustees ensures that there is a local voice shaping the vision, focus and programs of local schools to meet the many learning, social and emotional needs of each and every student in your school district, from the early years through kindergarten to graduation and onto adults.

Recently, I have seen challenges to the decisions of some boards by local municipalities and politicians. This in my mind is unfortunate and disrespectful to trustees who have carefully weighed the situation before them and made some incredibly tough decisions. Your job is not an easy one and your work deserves more respect than it has seen in these cases.

When you advocate for the educational needs of children and youth, as well as your schools, you are representing the concerns of over half a million children in our province. You bring a voice to the views of hundreds of thousands of parents to help make public education a top priority for government; a priority that serves all of the citizens of BC, no matter where they live, their time in life, or whether or not they have children in school themselves.

The motions that you pass this weekend will guide the work of our association over the next year. The collective decisions that you make through debate will determine much of our work in the months to come. Your board of directors and I continually refer to the motions passed at AGM as well as Provincial Council meetings to help guide our work and decisions on a day to day basis. These meetings help to create the power of trusteeship and to confirm the value of boards of education.

When I reflect on the past year, I believe we have made significant progress.

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We have seen:

- Changes to the use of Evergreen certificates as we requested
- Frequent and regular meetings between the Ministry of Education executive and the BCSTA Board of Directors to discuss and seek resolution to a very long list of issues and pending decisions, which is something that has never happened on a consistent basis before.
- The pending introduction of much more streamlined processes for the approval of minor and major capital projects and the expansion of the overall capital construction budget.
- The creation of an advisory committee to BCPSEA as a precursor to final changes in its governance structure.
- Direct trustee participation in the creation of the new Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, the AGPA report, curriculum implementation, shared services and more.
- The creation of a broad-based working group to address issues of fair and accurate financial reporting and expectations for school districts.
- And most recently, an increase in the preliminary budget allocation to boards by 28 million dollars.

We called on government to fully meet the funding commitments made by the Minister of Education, and that advocacy proved successful. Thank you for your support in helping to make this happen.

But did we accomplish everything we set out to do at this time last year?

No. We have not yet seen the degree of change in policy or direction that we feel is needed for public education in this province to truly thrive.

Like you, I am not satisfied with the current level of funding for public education, including the ill-conceived \$54 million dollars per year in required administrative savings, unfunded compensation improvements for exempt staff, and the downloaded cost of the Next Generation Network.

I am impatient for a definitive solution to the trustee governance of BCPSEA, and I am not fully satisfied with our overall role and the effectiveness of our communication with some parts of government.

The year ahead will, no doubt, see work continue in a number of areas.

- We have been making progress on achieving equal results for Aboriginal students, but we are not where we need to be. We need to keep the focus on real and meaningful change. Working with Aboriginal parents and communities, FNEC and other partner groups, to find the solution to current achievement gaps is an imperative for us all.

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- Likewise, we have hundreds of refugee students arriving in BC this spring. These children and youth, as well as their parents, will need our support to ensure future success and integration into a positive learning environment that values the diversity that these people bring to our communities and the province.
- There remains a need to find more opportunities to work with our partners in public education. Broadening our work with the superintendents' association, the teachers' federation, business officials, school based administrators and parents is critical in our efforts to bring together all of the partners that make up the K-12 community.

Far more can be accomplished by working together than working alone or in opposition to each other. In short, planning for the future and working toward established goals will be essential over the coming year.

In the words of the great Wayne Gretzky:

*"You need to skate to where the puck is going to be, not to where it has been."*

That winning strategy will prepare us to meet the challenges and opportunities that will come before us. This next year will be a critical one for us in helping to shape government policy and positions for the next governing party. This is the beginning of an election year, and a perfect opportunity to make public education a key issue for voters.

We will want to speak out often, both loudly and publicly, on the issues that are of importance to you, our members. We must call on each political party in BC to declare and affirm their vision for the future of public education in this province, and to clearly outline their plans to us. We will be looking for them to meet our expectations on:

- How they will work effectively WITH Boards of Education, and
- How they will set public education on a trajectory to ensure success for ALL students.

Public education is everyone's business. It is the engine that will determine the success of our province. We need to ensure that education is a critical issue that shows up in the public debate during the election process.

Tonight, I invite you to speak out with your board of directors and with me to ensure that our collective voice cannot be ignored during the vital lead-up to the next provincial election.

Before I close, I would like to thank the current board of directors for their hard work and commitment over the past 12 months. In particular, I want to recognize Director Ken Clarkson, who has decided not to stand for election to the board this year. Thank you Ken!

Directors, I appreciate and respect the hours you have put in over the last 12 months. There were many challenging decisions and certainly no lack of work to be done, but you

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rose to the occasion. Thank you to all of you for your support, your ideas and your drive to keep us moving in the right direction.

Thank you also to the staff of BCSTA for your work over the past year. On behalf of the board and the members here tonight, I want to let you know we all appreciate your commitment and loyalty to this organization.

Thank you also to Mike Roberts, BCSTA CEO. Your expertise and knowledge have added to the profile and success of our organization.

And finally to you, the members of BCSTA, thank you for your support and understanding this past year. We got through some tough times and have made progress in key areas. I appreciated the times when individuals let me know that they thought I was headed in the right direction, but I valued even more the feedback and suggestions you gave me when you thought I had missed the mark on something.

Please don't stop voicing your thoughts and suggestions. They are fundamental to this organization and help to ensure that our voice speaks with consideration of all of your points of view.

In closing, I go back to the vision of what we all want for the children and youth of BC: a strong and vibrant public education system that ensures the success of each and every student in our schools by supporting them to reach their goals.

Tomorrow, Minister Bernier will be presenting us with a signed proclamation of Education Week. While Education Week recognizes the contributions from all partners in the education sector, I respectfully draw a distinction. YOU put the public in education. Citizens have been electing school trustees to represent them since before we became a country. You have the support of the public to lead the changes that will be required to meet any educational challenge and ensure our vision for student achievement can be attained and maintained.

Your work is valued, important and no doubt growing. Take pride in what you do, what you have accomplished, and what you stand for. The roles of public trustees and boards of education are key to the success of one of the very best K-12 education systems in the world. Thank you for your commitment, and for being here this week to continue our work towards a bright future for each and every child in BC.

BCSTA has been the voice of public education in this province for the past 112 years.

YOUR voice for the children and youth of BC - Be proud of it!

  
**TERESA REZANSOFF**  
President

## PROGRAM

**THURSDAY**  
April 14, 2016

<b>TIME/VENUE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>11:30 A.M.</b> Regency Foyer	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>
<b>1:00-3:00 P.M.</b> Plaza B/C (Second Floor)	<b>PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP</b> <b>Public Education: Getting, Keeping, and Using the Social License</b> <i>David King, Canadian politician and public education policy activist, former Minister of Education in Alberta, former Executive Director of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta</i>
<b>3:15-4:15</b> Plaza B/C (Second Floor)	<b>PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP FOR BOARD CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS</b> <b>What's Working Well, What's Not, and What's Next?</b> Facilitators: BCSTA Board of Directors
<b>3:15-4:15</b> Balmoral	<b>PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP</b> <b>What to expect at AGM: Clarity of process and Rules of Order</b> <i>John Noonan, Parliamentarian, BCSTA AGM 2016</i> <i>Audrey Ackah, Legal Counsel, BCSTA</i>
<b>7:00</b> Regency A/B/C/D	<b>AGM OFFICIAL OPENING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening ceremonies</li> <li>• Welcome address</li> <li>• Student performance Seaquam Secondary School Choir, SD37 (Delta) <i>Hanna Ng, Teacher, SD37 (Delta)</i></li> </ul>
<b>7:30 P.M.</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS FOR BCSTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>
<b>7:45-8:45</b>	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION</b> <b>Damned Nations: Greed, Guns, Armies, and Aid</b> <i>Dr. Samantha Nutt, Founder,</i> <i>War Child Canada</i>
<b>9:00</b> Regency Foyer	<b>PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION</b>

## PROGRAM

### FRIDAY

April 15, 2016

TIME/VENUE	EVENT
<b>7:30 A.M.</b> Regency Foyer	<b>REGISTRATION RE-OPENS</b>
<b>7:30-9:00</b>	<b>BRANCH BREAKFAST MEETINGS</b>
<b>9:15</b> Regency A/B/C/D	<b>DAY 2 OPENING REMARKS</b> Teresa Rezanoff, <i>President, BCSTA</i>
<b>9:30-11:00</b>	<b>PLENARY 1</b> <b>The World is Changing, Schools Should Too</b> Larry Rosenstock, <i>Founding Principal and CEO, High Tech High</i>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>PLENARY 2</b> <b>Presentation and Q&amp;A</b> Hon. Mike Bernier, <i>Minister of Education</i>
<b>11:30-11:45</b>	<b>CELEBRATE PUBLIC EDUCATION</b>
<b>11:45-12:45 P.M.</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:00-2:00</b>	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b>
<b>2:00-2:30</b>	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>2:30-3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS (REPEAT)</b>
<b>3:45-4:30</b> Regency A/B/C/D	<b>CANDIDATES' FORUM</b>
<b>4:45</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
<b>5:00</b> Plaza Ballroom (Second Floor)	<b>RECEPTION</b> Sponsored by: Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE BC)

## PROGRAM

**SATURDAY**  
April 16, 2016

<b>TIME/VENUE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>7:30 A.M.</b> Regency Foyer	<b>REGISTRATION RE-OPENS</b>
<b>7:30-8:15</b> Plaza Ballroom (Second Floor)	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
<b>8:30-12:00 P.M.</b> Regency A/B/C/D	<b>AGM BUSINESS SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BCSTA Committee Introductions</b></li> <li>• <b>Candidate Speeches</b></li> <li>• <b>Credentials Report</b></li> <li>• <b>Legislative Committee Report</b></li> <li>• <b>Election: BCSTA Board of Directors</b></li> <li>• <b>Debate: Substantive Motions</b></li> <li>• <b>Debate: Extraordinary Motions</b></li> </ul>
<b>12:00-1:00</b> Plaza Ballroom (Second Floor)	<b>LUNCH</b> Sponsored by: Harris & Company LLP
<b>1:15-4:30</b> Regency A/B/C/D	<b>AGM BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Continued Debate: Substantive Motions</b></li> <li>• <b>Debate: Late Motions</b></li> </ul>
<b>4:30</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>

## PROGRAM

### SUNDAY

April 16, 2016

#### TIME/VENUE

**BEFORE**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**9:00**  
**or following**  
**Business**  
**Session**  
**Adjournment**  
Balmoral

**12:00 P.M.**

#### EVENT

**BREAKFAST**  
*(Delegates on their own for breakfast)*

**PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **WHAT IS THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE?**

The Credentials Committee for the 2016 AGM was composed of Rob Paynter, SD61 (Greater Victoria); Julie Planiden, SD67 (Okanagan Skaha); and Nancy Rempel, SD74 (Gold Trail). Three trustees attending the annual general meeting as delegates are appointed to this committee by the President. They are responsible for validating all credentials of delegates to the AGM and reporting on attendance at the AGM to the membership. This committee meets as needed at the AGM.

### **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

<b>Trustees</b>	281
<b>Life Members*</b>	1
<b>Total Voting Delegates</b>	282
<b>Non-voting Guests</b>	73

\*Non-sitting trustees

### **AGM 2016 SCRUTINEERS**

The Scrutineer Committee was led by Patti Dundas, SD36 (Surrey). BCSTA thanks all Secretary-Treasurers who helped during this year's business session.

TITLE	SPONSOR	MOTION	DISPOSITION
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MOTIONS 2016 AGM</b>			
<b>E1</b> BCSTA Bylaw Update	Board of Directors	That BCSTA amend the Bylaws 11 c. as follows: i. to monitor the collecting of all dues, fees, levies and other revenues on behalf of the Association; ii. to recommend reasonable controls for the safekeeping of Association funds; iii. to obtain satisfactory evidence that there is a continuing maintenance of proper financial books and records; iv. to monitor the expenditures of Association monies; v. to cooperate with the Board of Directors in the preparation of an annual budget for the following fiscal year; vi. to supervise the calculation and drafting of an annual membership fee scale, in accordance with budget requirements; vii. to ensure that an inventory statement of the Association’s capital assets is completed at the conclusion of each fiscal year; viii. to approve BCSTA’s draft audited financial statements and to report to the Provincial Council as required on the financial status of the Association, substantiated by the audited financial statements; and ix. to review all accounts payable payments in excess of \$5,000.	Carried
<b>SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS 2016 AGM</b>			
<b>2</b> Disposal of School Sites Located on Crown Land	Kootenay Boundary Branch	That BCSTA request the Minister of Education and the Minister of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations work together with boards of education to review the process of disposal of school sites located on Crown land.	Carried
<b>3</b> School Site Acquisition Charge	42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	That BCSTA work with the Ministry of Education and other ministries involved in administering the School Site Acquisition Charges established in legislation to both reflect current property values and to consider an increase to the maximum costs for developers.	Carried as amended
<b>4</b> Space Allocations within School Capital Projects	44 North Vancouver	That BCSTA request a review of Area Standards by the Ministry of Education to address the need for an increase in space allocations to provide flexibility at the school level to meet the changing needs of students and the delivery of educational programs associated with the new curriculum.	Carried
<b>5</b> Post Secondary Tuition Waiver for Youth Formerly in Care	44 North Vancouver 45 West Vancouver	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Advanced Education work closely with and encourage post-secondary institutions across British Columbia to create initiatives to waive tuition fees for children formerly in the care of the provincial government.	Carried
<b>6</b> Provincial Funding for the Middle Years Development Instrument	Kootenay Boundary Branch	That BCSTA urge the Minister of Education to provincially fund the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) for all BC school districts.	Carried

TITLE	SPONSOR	MOTION	DISPOSITION
<b>7</b> Exempt Staff Compensation	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA work with the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Education to address the ongoing issues related to exempt staff compensation in a consistent, equitable and transparent manner including, but not limited to, recruitment, retention, morale and lack of provincial government funding.	Carried as amended
<b>8</b> Increase Amount Provided Through Education Coaching Tax Credit	44 North Vancouver	That BCSTA: a. advocate for the provincial government to increase the BC Education Coaching Tax Credit to support the involvement of educators, teaching assistants and community members in extracurricular school activities; and, b. request that the Canadian School Boards Association advocate for the federal government to include a similar tax credit at the federal level in support of the involvement of educators, teaching assistants and community members in extracurricular school activities.	Defeated
<b>9</b> Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Intervention Funding	60 Peace River North	That BCSTA ask the provincial government to provide funding support for increased non-violent crisis prevention training recommended in the Ministry of Education's Provincial Guidelines – Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings.	Carried
<b>10</b> Adult Graduated Student Upgrading Grants	42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	That BCSTA approach the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Advanced Education to request that boards of education be included on the list of institutions approved to administer Adult Upgrading Grant funding.	Carried
<b>11</b> Reversing Public Funding of Private Schools	Provincial Council	That BCSTA arrange a meeting with the Minister of Education to strongly urge the provincial government to immediately discontinue the practice of utilizing public tax dollars to fund and subsidize private/independent schools, with the exception of band schools, and redirect this funding to the public school system.	Carried
<b>12</b> Provincial and Federal Funding for Aboriginal Children in Care	61 Greater Victoria	That BCSTA urge the BC Ministry of Education, Ministry of Children and Family Development and the federal government to provide new funding to enable boards of education to provide additional services for Aboriginal children in care.	Carried
<b>13</b> School Act Requirements Regarding Board of Education Budgets	69 Qualicum	That BCSTA work with the Ministry of Education to draft changes to the School Act that will allow school districts with sound financial plans to carry over deficits beyond the next budget year.	Defeated
<b>14</b> Repeal of Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada	40 New Westminster Metropolitan Branch	That BCSTA (a) write a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Justice urging the Federal government to repeal section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada, and (b) request that the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) urge the Federal government to repeal section 43 of the Criminal Code.	Carried
<b>15</b> Requiring Immunizations for Students in Public Schools	6 Rocky Mountain 43 Coquitlam	That BCSTA ask the provincial government to establish legislation requiring students to be vaccinated, unless exempted, in order to attend public K-12 schools in British Columbia	Defeated

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<b>16</b> Child and Youth Mental Health in BC Report	Provincial Council	That BCSTA endorse the recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth contained in the Final Report: Child and Youth Mental Health in British Columbia: Concrete Actions for Systemic Change that was released on January 27, 2016, and further, that BCSTA encourage, provide input to and monitor full implementation of the Report.	Carried as amended
<b>17</b> Removal of Grades 10 and 11 Provincial Exams for the 2016/2017 School Year	36 Surrey	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education review and change the requirement for students in grades 10 and 11 to write provincial exams in the 2016/17 school year to reflect the new curriculum.	Carried as amended
<b>18</b> English Language Learners Support	37 Delta	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education recognize and support English Language Learners (ELL) students by creating a dedicated ELL staff member position (specifically trained in the teaching of ELL) within the Ministry whose focus is to improve the capacity of school districts to support curriculum implementation and instruction leading to improved outcomes for all ELL students in BC.	Carried
<b>19</b> Improving the Delivery of British Columbia's Child Protection Services	62 Sooke	That BCSTA urge the British Columbia Government to take action to improve the delivery of child protection services by fully funding the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth, and following the provisions in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.	Carried
<b>20</b> Interim and Long-Term Child Poverty Plans	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA request that the Premier and the Ministers of Education, Health, and Children and Family Development provide an interim and long-term cross-ministry plan with accountability targets to address child poverty and eliminate impacts of child poverty on student learning and achievement.	Carried
<b>21</b> Student Safety Walking to and from School	Kootenay Boundary Branch	That BCSTA urge the Premier to develop an intergovernmental approach with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Minister of Education, the Union of BC Municipalities and ICBC to work on developing multiple strategies to address safety issues for students walking and cycling to and from school.	Carried as amended
<b>22</b> BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association's Proposed Contractual Framework	BCSTA Board of Directors	That BCSTA endorse the BC Principals' and Vice Principals' Association's call for a "Provincial Contractual Framework for Principals and Vice-Principals", while recognizing the autonomy of individual Boards of Education to choose whether or not they implement any such framework.	Postponed Indefinitely
<b>23</b> Equitable Access to Public Education for Rural and Remote Schools	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA strongly urge the Ministry of Education to establish a provincial Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council with school trustee representation to address equitable access issues to public education.	Carried

TITLE	SPONSOR	MOTION	DISPOSITION
<b>24</b> Maternity/Paternity Committee	42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	That BCSTA establish a committee to make recommendations for legislative changes regarding the School Act and Employment Insurance Act to allow for trustees to receive maternity and parental leave benefits without the risk of trustees being disqualified from office or having employment insurance benefits clawed back due to trustee stipends. The committee will report back with recommendations at the next BCSTA AGM.	Carried
<b>25</b> BCPSEA Elected Co-Governance Reinstatement	36 Surrey	That BCSTA communicate to government the need to reinstate elected school trustees to the Board of Directors of BCPSEA prior to July 31st, 2016.	Carried
<b>26</b> Deloitte Report Recommendations	Thompson Okanagan Branch	That the BCSTA Board of Directors request the Ministry of Education provide boards of education with a document which: (a) lists all of the recommendations from the 2012 and 2014 Deloitte Reports; (b) outlines the Ministry's response to each of Deloitte's recommendations; (c) indicates which recommendations the Ministry of Education will adopt and/or pursue; and, (d) provides the timelines for implementing the recommendations which the Ministry plans to pursue.	Carried
<b>27</b> Reinstatement Superintendent of Aboriginal Achievement	BCSTA Aboriginal Education Committee	That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to reinstate/appoint a senior leadership position, such as a Superintendent of Aboriginal Achievement, to strategically lead the province and support boards of education to eliminate the gap between Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal student success.	Carried
<b>28</b> Recommendations for Improving Education for Aboriginal Students	85 Vancouver Island North	That BCSTA call on the Ministry of Education to fully resource and enable boards of education to deliver on all eleven recommendations included in the report "An Audit of the Education of Aboriginal Students in the B.C. Public School System" released by the Office of the Auditor General on November 5, 2015.	Carried
<b>29</b> BCSTA Strategic Plan	Thompson Okanagan Branch	That the BCSTA Board of Directors include an area of focus in the Strategic Plan that focuses on Indigenous education.	Carried
<b>30</b> Government Response to Correspondence	5 Southeast Kootenay	That BCSTA request that the Premier direct government ministries to provide a written response in a timely manner when an elected board of education makes a written request for response.	Carried
<b>31</b> Education Assistants Regulatory Body	44 North Vancouver	That BCSTA support the work of the provincial Education Assistants Committee arising from the 2014-2019 Provincial Framework Agreement, and request a BCSTA seat on the Committee to discuss the potential need to establish a provincial education standard for EAs that would oversee the appropriate standard of qualification, designation, and requirements for ongoing professional development and support.	Carried as amended

**LATE MOTIONS 2016 AGM**

## 112<sup>TH</sup> BCSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DISPOSITION OF MOTIONS

TITLE	SPONSOR	MOTION	DISPOSITION
L32 Full Funding for Contract Enhancements and New Costs	42 Burnaby	That BCSTA demand the Ministry of Education keep its commitment to the school districts of the province of British Columbia and dedicate new funds to enable all districts to fully fund all contract increases, annual costs for the Next Generation Network and salary commitments contemplated.	Carried as amended
L33 Immediate Withdrawal from the MOU	5 Southeast Kootenay	<p>That BCSTA immediately withdraw from the Co-Governance Relationship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the BC Ministry of Education and the BCSTA until such time as BCSTA (following due process of consultation and input from all member boards for the purpose of modifying the current MOU) has:</p> <p>a) majority member board agreement that the modified MOU document accurately reflects the co-governance model set out in BCSTA policy 2.1FS – Co-Governance</p> <p>AND</p> <p>b) majority member board confidence that the modified MOU will be honoured and adhered to by both MOU partner groups, the BC Ministry of Education and BCSTA.</p>	Defeated

## BRANCH REPORTS

(This document will be updated to include the complete set of branch reports once they've been received.)

### FRASER VALLEY

The Fraser Valley Branch has had another productive year continuing important conversations about education and advocacy issues, which impact all our students.

I have just been elected as Branch Chair and I am excited to work with and alongside all the great people in our Branch. I look forward to collaborating with everyone and listening to all they have to share about their district communities.

Our Branch consists of the Fraser-Cascade, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Langley, Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows, and Mission School Districts. We are represented by:

- Shelley Carter, SD75 Branch President
- Barry Neufeld, SD33 Branch Vice President
- Rose Tustian, SD78 Branch Education Chair
- Mike Murray, SD42 Trustee Representative
- Alison McVeigh, SD35 Past President
- Phil Anderson, SD34 Trustee Representative

We are continuing the practice of taking turns hosting the meetings and providing an opportunity for the hosts to showcase their School District. In addition, at each meeting we take time to share one highlight of something important, or special that has happened in our District as well as challenges we all may be facing. Even though there are challenges, we remember that there are incredibly good and exciting things happening for students in our communities, and that we all care deeply about public education.

As our year gets underway, we will be discussing our First Nations/Aboriginal Enhancement Agreements; the co-governance model with the Ministry of Education; Professional Development for our trustees, just to name a few. We look forward to working with the newly elected BCSTA Board of Directors and we thank the outgoing directors for their service and dedication.

As a branch we will continue reviewing and working on our constitution and bylaws. There has been much discussion already as to whether the Secretary Treasurer and Executive Admin Secretary for the president's district should be included in the role of the job. A resolution was adopted at our last meeting directing the Board to bring forward amendments to our bylaws establishing a new secretary position and removing the President's Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent from serving as direct support to the Branch. This will be moved forward to Provincial Council.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve the BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch as President. I look forward to working with our team of dedicated Trustees, as we continue advocating the importance of public education and finding ways in which together we can build on our successes and improve opportunities for all students.

## BRANCH REPORTS

### KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

#### KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BRANCH INCLUDES

School District 5, Southeast Kootenay  
School District 6, Rocky Mountain  
School District 8, Kootenay Lke  
School District 10, Arrow Lakes  
School District 20, Kootenay Columbia  
School District 51,. Boundary

Kootenay Boundary Branch held it's 2015 AGM in the Arrow Lakes District in New Denver, situated on Slocan Lake, with 28 trustees and superintendents attending, as well as 2 reps from BCSTA - Gaila Erickson and Gordon Swan. There was a day of pro-d with a demonstration by the local Parcour group, a tour of the local ghost town of Sandon and the business session. Our next AGM will be held in the Cranbrook area in September of 2016.

#### EXECUTIVE INCLUDES

Branch President	Lora Lee Brekke (SD10)
Vice President	Rebecca Huscroft (SD8)
Past President	Bev Bellina (SD5)
Secretary-Treasurer	Terry Taylor (SD10)
Education Rep	Cindy Strukoff (SD51)
Alternate Ed Rep	Quinn Decourcey (SD10)
Branch Rep SD6	Rosemary Oakes (SD6)
Branch Rep SD20	Toni Driutti (SD20)

Other than our AGM we meet as a Branch at the BCSTA Academy and AGM, as well as a motion building session in January using the Blackboard electronic session. This year we submitted 3 motions to the AGM out of this motion building session.

At our meetings we share successes and challenges that each district faces, as well as student achievements and programs that are working well in each district.

Some of these successes include international programs, relationships with the local colleges (Selkirk College and College of the Rockies), and a strong relationship between District 5 and the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network.

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
**Lora Lee Brekke**  
*President*

## BRANCH REPORTS

### METROPOLITAN BRANCH

#### MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

SD36 Surrey	SD43 Coquitlam
SD37 Delta School District	SD44 North Vancouver
SD38 Richmond	SD45 West Vancouver
SD40 New Westminster	SD93 Conseil Scolaire Francophone

Metro Branch has continued to meet monthly with each member district taking turns hosting each other. Attendance and involvement at Metro Branch remains high as Trustees share our experiences and concerns about our work supporting students, staff and our communities. The typical pattern for meetings includes reports and discussion on standing items including from the BCSTA Board Representative, Aboriginal Education Committee, Education Committee, ELL Consortium and, for most of the year, Metro Representative to BCPSEA School District and Government Advisory Committee. Additional topics of interest include the arrival of Syrian Refugees students to our region, the co-governance relationship with the Ministry of Education and the use of social networking by Trustees.

We appreciated a high degree of engagement from BCSTA with staff support, Audrey Ackah, Mike Roberts and BCSTA Board representative, Alan Chell. We also are happy to continue to have regular attendance and input on many files from Donna Sargent, Metro branch member and BCSTA Director. Val Windsor is another Metro member and she is now chairing the dynamic multi-agency ELL Committee and members of our branch continue to find the sharing of this work to be very informative and relevant. Terry Allen has increased our attention on the issues related to our responsibilities as employers and our standing with BCPSEA and the Ministry of Education.

Reports from Districts continue to be one of the best sources of information for Trustees to hear the perspectives of their colleagues on the many issues we have in common which include, but are not limited to, funding, co-governance, student achievement, facilities planning and community engagement.

Metro Branch has submitted our first branch sponsored motion in quite some time to this AGM and we thank our member New Westminster for their efforts to seek elimination from the Criminal Code the section that allows for the use of force as a means to correct behaviour of a child. This would bring Canada into line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to which our country is a signatory.

Metro branch members have undertaken to better support our motion development process by developing a calendar to give an opportunity for individual member boards to give input to proposed motions in addition to discussion at the Metro branch meetings.

The February 2016 AGM meeting included the re-election of the following table officers:

Laura Dixon, Chairperson  
Cyndi Gerlach, Vice Chairperson  
Chuck Dennison, Secretary  
Carolyn Broady, Education Committee

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Trustees continue to value our meetings as a supportive place to reach our shared objective of a strong, vibrant public education system for our communities.

### **SUBMITTED BY:**

**Laura Dixon**

*President*

## **NORTHERN INTERIOR BRANCH**

### **THE NORTHERN INTERIOR BRANCH EXECUTIVE**

President: Tim Bennett (School District 57 - Prince George)

Vice President: Tamara Ziemer (School District 59 - Peace River South)

Education Committee Representative: Julie-Anne Runge (School District 28 - Quesnel)

Communications Officer: Nadine Frenkel (School District 91 - Nechako Lakes)

Immediate Past President: Tanya Gauthier (School District 27 - Cariboo-Chilcotin)

### **OUR MEMBERS**

School District 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

School District 28 (Quesnel)

School District 49 (Central Coast)

School District 57 (Prince George)

School District 59 (Peace River South)

School District 60 (Peace River North)

School District 81 (Fort Nelson)

School District 91 (Nechako Lakes)

### **RURAL EDUCATION FORUM**

On the weekend of October 16th - October 17th our branch hosted the first Rural Education Forum at Duchess Park Secondary in Prince George. We had 67 trustees, staff and guests attend the weekend event. The branch would like to thank BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff, Vice President Gordon Swan, Director (and Branch Liaison) Donna Sargent and staff member Mike Gagel for attending.

Over the course of the two days we had great professional development workshops about providing public education in rural communities and highlighting the great work happening in our districts. These workshops were facilitated by teachers, administrators and district staff from districts across the branch and were well received by those in attendance.

The highlight of the weekend was the Issues Forum. This was a two way conversation with MLA's about the challenges our districts face offering public education in rural and remote communities. The forum was productive and will continue at future branch meetings. We are thankful for high participation from our Branch MLA's. The following MLA's were in attendance

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- Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister of Education
- Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Labour and Minister responsible for Labour
- Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
- Honourable Mike Morris, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Small Business, Red Tape Reduction & Minister Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Northern Interior Branch met in Prince George on January 22nd - 23rd in Prince George. Over the two days our members discussed issues impacting our districts, prepared motions to come forward to submit to the BCSTA AGM, conducted our branch business and discuss ways that our branch can stay better connected and work together despite the geographical size of our branch.

During the business meeting we elected our new executive (as listed above). Thank you to Tanya Gauthier (SD27) for her time as President and to Brenda Hooker (SD57) for her time as Educational Committee Representative.

Our branch is committed to continuing the conversation and advocacy regarding public education in rural and remote communities and working with BCSTA in support of our students. Our meeting schedule for next year include our fall Education meeting in Dawson Creek (hosted by SD59), our AGM in Prince George and our regular meetings at BCSTA events.

#### **SUBMITTED BY:**

**Tim Bennett**  
*President*

## THOMPSON OKANAGAN

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BRANCH

- Branch meetings hosted by individual boards (winter and fall) including local tours and professional development
- Establishment and continuation of structures and processes including a functioning executive and staff supports for agenda development and communications
- Strategic Planning, adoption of Mission/Vision/Values, and Strategic Goals

### FALL AND WINTER BRANCH MEETINGS

The Thompson Okanagan Branch members enjoyed the fall branch meeting in Osoyoos hosted by the Board of Education from SD53 Okanagan/Similkameen. Trustees toured a new school facility in Oliver, Southern Okanagan Secondary School, a newly rebuilt school and community theater. Provided were presentations by Judy Halbert and Linda Kaiser,

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Superintendent Bev Johnson, a traditional Indigenous welcome by Chief Clarence Louie as well as many opportunities for networking and information sharing.

The winter branch meeting in late February was hosted by the SD 83 North Okanagan Shuswap Board of Education in Salmon Arm. Trustees toured district trades programs and learned about the partnership at Twin Anchors, a manufacturing facility. Tour participants were welcomed by provincial trade leaders and district staff and students and staff from Twin Anchors. Other highlights included student dance and music performances, an Indigenous drumming ceremony, and a panel discussion on current topics with board chairs from member boards.

### **STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES**

The Thompson Okanagan Branch Executive has worked hard to ensure that there are appropriate levels of staff support and careful plans for events and meetings. In the transition to a new executive, including the establishment of an annual work plan will provide clarity in continuing to support branch structure and processes, such as regular executive meetings and assistance and support to boards hosting branch meetings incorporating the strategic goals.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Nearing completion, the Thompson Okanagan Branch has engaged in a thorough strategic planning process that has seen the adoption of Mission/Vision/Values statements and Strategic Goal themes. The upcoming branch meetings in April and September 2016 will support the branch to adopt specific goals. Following this work, the process will conclude with a communications plan and monitoring plan through 2017.

The objectives of the branch are to promote effective trusteeship, discuss matters of mutual interest and concern in education, and to cooperate with the Association in furthering its objectives. To clarify and focus the work of the branch, members developed the following Mission, Vision and Values statements.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Thompson Okanagan Branch of BCSTA is to provide improved advocacy for our students by discussing concerns and challenges, sharing best practices, and providing education and capacity building opportunities to member trustees.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

To provide inspirational professional development opportunities for our trustees with the goal of sharing innovative practices while attending to strategic planning that improves student achievement.

### **VALUES STATEMENT**

The Thompson Okanagan Branch believes that strong branches strengthen the BCSTA and is therefore committed to the following core values:

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- Increasing advocacy and awareness of how to best support the learning of all our students
- Networking and exchanging relevant information with districts within the branch
- Providing a united strong voice in communicating with other districts, branches, BCSTA, Ministry of Education and the provincial government
- Ensuring our unique concerns and challenges are understood by the provincial forum
- Understanding regional demographic, economic and cultural diversity of the branch.

Thank you to the many trustees and staff who support the work of the Thompson Okanagan Branch. Thank you especially to staff from SD74, Secretary Treasurer Lynda Minnabarriet and Executive Assistant Lois Miller, who have worked hard behind the scenes to support our work. Thanks also to those trustees who serve on the BCSTA Board of Directors from the Thompson Okanagan Branch and the BCSTA board and staff who are a continual support to the branch. As I personally move into the new role of past president, please know it has been a special blessing and joy to work to support the kind hearted, effective, and caring group of trustees who make up the Thompson Okanagan Branch.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Carmen Ranta**

*President*

## VISTA

**THE VANCOUVER ISLAND SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION (VISTA) INCLUDES:**

SD61 (Greater Victoria)  
SD62 (Sooke)  
SD63 (Saanich)  
SD64 (Gulf Islands)  
SD68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)  
SD69 (Qualicum)  
SD70 (Alberni)  
SD71 (Comox Valley)  
SD72 (Campbell River)  
SD79 (Cowichan Valley)  
SD84 (Vancouver Island West)  
SD85 (Vancouver Island North)

**THE 2015- 2016 EXECUTIVE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

President/Treasurer:	Eve Flynn, SD 69
First Vice President:	Denise Riley, SD 62
Second Vice President:	Candace Spilsbury SD 79
Secretary:	Pam Craig, SD70
BCSTA Education Committee Rep:	Janice Caton, SD71
BCSTA First Nations Committee Rep:	Candace Spilsbury, SD79

Since the BCSTA April 2015 Annual General Meeting, VISTA Branch members have gathered for the following business and professional development meetings:

1. The Fall Business Meeting was held on Salt Spring Island on October 2 & 3, 2015. Attendees received presentations on the following:
  - I. Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use by the Vancouver Island Council for Collaborative Approaches.
  - II. Creating a Coaching Culture by School District 64 (Gulf Islands) which offers support to principals, administrators and district staff on peer coaching training with an ongoing focus towards creating a coaching culture.
  - III. Place-Based Learning, also presented by School District 64 (Gulf Islands), provided trustees with an overview of a program which takes children out of the classroom into the community and natural environment.
2. The December Business Meeting was held during the BCSTA Academy, where trustees were provided with an update on the Attendance Support and Wellness Initiative by Sue Ferguson and Rosalie Cress from the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA). The Campbell River School District (SD 72) is a pilot district for this initiative.
3. During VISTA's Spring 2016 Conference (held in Cowichan Bay) island trustees received a joint presentation on Transformation through Collaboration and Partnership by: Jennifer McRae, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education; Jim Iker, President, BC Teachers' Federation; and Rod Allen, Superintendent SD 79. The rest of the program featured re-configuration of some Cowichan District schools and the integration of aboriginal education into the new curriculum.

VISTA appreciates the input and participation by our BCSTA Liaison Director, Christine Younghusband. Her reports are always informative and help guide our work.

VISTA continues to advocate locally and provincially on emerging issues related to public education and to providing the best opportunities for all students.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Eve Flynn**  
*President*

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Carolyn Broady, Metropolitan Branch, SD 45 , Chair
- Terri-Lynne Huddlestone, North West Branch, SD 52, Vice-Chair
- Janice Caton, Vancouver Island Branch, SD 71
- Mary James, South Coast Branch, SD 47
- Bruce Johnson, Thompson Okanagan Branch, SD 67
- Cindy Strukoff, Kootenay Boundary Branch, SD 51
- Julie-Anne Runge, Northern Interior Branch, SD57
- Rose Tustian, Fraser Valley Branch, SD 78
- Pat Duncan - Associate Superintendent, BCSSA
- Gaila Erickson - Director of Education Services BCSTA
- Christine Younghusband, BCSTA Board of Directors

Thank you to Trustee Brenda Hooker SD57 who represented the Northern Interior Branch over the past year.

### THE BCSTA EDUCATION COMMITTEE MET FOUR TIMES FROM APRIL 2015 TO APRIL 2016

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| • May 23 - 24 2015  | Richmond - Formal Planning Meeting          |
| • October 23, 2015  | Vancouver - Formal Planning Day prior to PC |
| • December 18, 2015 | Via Conference Call                         |
| • February 19, 2015 | Vancouver - Formal Planning Day prior to PC |

### TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

During the past two years a major area of focus at all meetings has been on the development of professional learning themes for academy, educational programs and ongoing trustee professional learning opportunities. We will continue to investigate opportunities to incorporate additional modules into our professional development work to enhance trustee educational opportunities.

The four modules that currently influence our work are as follows:

- Module 1: Authentic Governance through Ethical Leadership
- Module 2: Authentic Governance for Student Achievement: Boards Matter
- Module 3: Right from the Start: Roles and Responsibilities
- Module 4: Common Ground, Common Purpose , Relationships in School Boards

Ideas were also brought forward for possible future professional development opportunities, which included:

- Governance
- Budgeting
- Community Engagement
- Teambuilding
- New Curriculum
- Assessment

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- New Reporting Procedures (report cards)
- Digital Portfolio's
- What is Student Learning/Student Achievement
- Successes and Challenges with the piloting of the new report cards

### WINTER ACADEMY/AGM PLANNING

Time was set aside at our meetings to discuss and plan:

- Winter Academy 2015 : Authentic Governance for Student Achievement: Boards Matter  
Governance and Learning
  - We heard from presenter Kathy Sawchuck on governance and learning
- AGM 2016: Making The Connections for Student Success: Aligning Vision, Governance and Finance.
- Learning Forward 2016 (December 3-7)
- CSBA 2017

### JOINT EDUCATION AND ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Discussion items included:

- Working together on future professional learning opportunities
- Reviewing and supporting the changes in the Evergreen Certificate
- Aboriginal Education Committee's ideas on how they see their work in relation to working with trustees and boards of education in all districts.
- A Celebration of Innovation with a focus on success stories in our schools.
- We agreed it was important to keep the Employment Equity Agreement on our joint agenda for our next meeting
- A suggestion was made that with the education needed around this subject that it might make a good issues forum topic for a future Provincial Council.
- Creating resources through BCSTA to assist districts in finding individuals who can speak to Aboriginal Education issues.

### A BUDGET UPDATE

The Education Committee reviewed their current budget and received it as presented. The committee is extremely cognizant of cost pressures faced by BCSTA and is making every effort to curtail costs. Chair Broady met with Allen Chell, Board of Directors and Jodi Olstead, Director, Finance and Human Resources, BCSTA to discuss the current cost pressures. It was agreed that the costs incurred by the Education Committee will be tracked and reviewed prior to the next budget cycle.

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### **BCSTA CANCELLATION FEE STRUCTURE**

The Board of Directors asked the Education Committee to make recommendations on the current cancellation policy for BCSTA events.

The Education Committee recommended that the Board of Directors:

- Revisit, and consider an increase in penalty if cancellations to events are within 11-31 days prior to the start of an event.

The committee also discussed the need to monitor unregistered guests who attend our events and partake in catering as the costs should not be borne by the organization. Recommendations were made for AGM 2016 and will be reviewed at our May meeting.

### **TRUSTEE LEARNING RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The Education Committee polled branches about ideas on how to recognize trustee participation in professional development. Consensus was that the recognition should take place at the end of each term. Suggestions that will be taken to the Board include:

- Using a tracking tool to compile data on trustee professional development.
- Issuing certificates at the final AGM before the end of term to recognize professional development.

### **PROVINCIAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SELF-ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

Education Committee reviewed the initial data that was collected and found this tool to be very effective for Board's looking to do a self evaluation. Since May of 2015 numerous boards across the Province have worked with BCSTA to undertake a self evaluation.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES AND ROLE**

- With a number of new members joining the education committee over the past year time was spent reviewing the BCSTA bylaws pertaining to the role of Education Committee.
- We discussed how important it is that our work aligns with that of the Board of Directors as outlined in their strategic plan
- We revisited our spring planning dates to ensure that we have access to the Board of Directors strategic plan to guide our work.
- We will continue to meet before both the February and October Provincial Council Meetings.

### **MOTION**

1. A motion was brought forward for the Education Committee to invite the Board of Directors to meet.

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### DECEMBER 2015 CONFERENCE CALL

Discussions included:

- Review of Winter Academy 2015
- Review of the draft AGM 2016 agenda
  - Ways to celebration Education week at AGM
- Discussions pertaining to the Education Committee Budget

### BRANCH REPORTS

At the formal meetings of the committee, branch representatives provide either a written or oral branch report. Branch reports continue to focus on challenges and highlights of their member boards. Written reports are posted on the BCSTA web site.

The next meeting of the Committee will be May 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the BCSTA office.

Agenda items will include:

- Election of the Chair and Vice Chair
- April 2016, AGM review
- Continued planning for the conference within at conference at the December 2016 Learning Forward Conference
- CSBA Conference (2017)
- Initial Planning for the 2017 AGM
- Ways to celebrate Education week in 2017

### SUBMITTED BY:

**Carolyn Broady**

*Chair*

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Gloria Jackson, SD28 (Quesnel), **Chair**, Liaison to Fraser Valley Branch
- Bobbi Johnson, SD83 (North Okanagan), **Vice-Chair**, Liaison to Kootenay Boundary Branch
- Billie Jean Beaubien, SD54 (Bulkley Valley), Liaison to Northern Interior Branch
- Chief Larry Casper, SD74 (Gold Trail), Liaison to Thompson Okanagan Branch
- Linda Dolen, SD81 (Fort Nelson), Liaison to South Coast Branch
- Barry Forward, SD44 (North Vancouver), Liaison to Metro Branch
- Candace Spilsbury, SD79 (Cowichan Valley), Liaison to Vancouver Island Branch
- Fannie Vance, SD87 (Stikine), Liaison to North West Branch
- Donna Sargent, SD38 (Richmond), BCSTA Board of Directors AbEd Cttee Liaison
- Mike P. Gagel, BCSTA Manager of Information Technology, Staff support to AbEd Cttee

The minutes of all AbEd Cttee meetings are available at [bcsta.org/ctteeabed](http://bcsta.org/ctteeabed). The three most recent meetings are always listed at the top of the page. In addition, a handful of useful Aboriginal Education resources are available on the same page, and are located in the **Resources** folder.

The BCSTA Aboriginal Education Committee (AbEd Cttee) met in Prince George in August 2015 to plan the year ahead. They were hosted by Angela Carter and the SD57 (Prince George) Aboriginal Education Department. The committee met again in October 2015 and February 2016 in conjunction with BCSTA's Provincial Council meetings. At PC, the AbEd Cttee holds a joint meeting with the Education committee to discuss topics of mutual concern, and to help plan Aboriginal education content for trustee professional development. During their liaison call-outs to Branches over the past year, AbEd Cttee members gathered examples of AbEd successes and concerns. In addition, committee members canvassed Branches regarding District Aboriginal Employment Equity agreements. Summary information gathered is shared with the Education Committee and informs both committees on topics for trustee professional development.

Following up on the Branch call-outs, the AbEd Cttee invited a representative from SD28 (Quesnel) to speak on the subject of Aboriginal Employment Equity. This culminated in an article in BCSTA's *The Leader*: [Quesnel School District Continues to Improve](#). The committee also invited and met with a representative from both the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the Ministry of Education, Aboriginal Education Department. The AbEd Cttee is also pressing for the need to showcase District Aboriginal Education achievements at a future BCSTA event.

A major achievement for the AbEd Cttee was the outcome of a motion they presented at AGM 2015. The motion, passed by the assembly, committed BCSTA to support the call for reform of the use of Evergreen Certificates. On February 5, BCSTA came together in North Vancouver with Minister of Education Mike Bernier and FNESC to announce significant changes being made to the process for granting 'Evergreen' School Leaving Certificates.

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These changes are an important first step toward achieving the goal of every able BC student completing grade 12 with a full academic graduation.

Hoping to further the work of improving Aboriginal student achievement, the AbEd Cttee brought the following motion to AGM 2016, which was also passed by the assembly:

That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to reinstate/appoint a senior leadership position, such as a Superintendent of Aboriginal Achievement, to strategically lead the province and support boards of education to eliminate the gap between Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal student success.

Stayed tuned for a pending announcement from the Ministry!

Finally, almost half of the committee members have reached the end of their 3-year terms. The remaining members wish to thank Gloria Jackson, Larry Casper, Linda Dolen and Barry Forward for their volunteer work for BCSTA on behalf of BC's Aboriginal students.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Gloria Jackson**

*Chair*

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

### ROLE OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The main responsibility of the Legislative Committee is to prepare the motions for the Annual General Meeting. Under Bylaw 11a, the Legislative Committee has the responsibility “to examine, correlate, amend, reject and report upon notices of motions submitted to it.” Under Bylaw 7I the Legislative Committee is also responsible for reviewing motions submitted to Provincial Council to ensure that they are of an emergent nature. The Legislative Committee does not assess the merits of the motions that are submitted to Provincial Council and AGM.

The current 2015-2016 Legislative Committee is comprised of the following members:

- Ken Clarkson, Chair, SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- Cindy Strukoff, Vice-Chair SD51 (Boundary)
- Larry Ransom, SD70 (Alberni)
- Lenora Trenaman, SD8 (Kootenay Lake)

The Legislative Committee held four meetings this year:

- Two meetings via telephone conference and Blackboard Collaborate to consider October 2015 and February 2016 Provincial Council motions;
- One in-person meeting to consider 2016 AGM motions; and,
- One meeting via telephone conference to consider 2016 AGM motions.

### AGM MOTION SUBMISSION TIMELINES

The Legislative Committee recently considered the submission timelines for AGM motions. The Committee asked BCSTA staff to report on the options and ramifications of shortening the period between the AGM motion submission deadline and the AGM. Under BCSTA's current bylaws, the deadline to submit substantive motions to a general meeting is 60 days prior to the opening date of the general meeting (Bylaw 10b). The deadline to submit extraordinary motions to a general meeting is 70 days prior to the opening date of the general meeting (Bylaw 10d). Substantive and extraordinary motions shall be transmitted to member boards no later than 30 days prior to the opening date of the general meeting (Bylaw 10b and 10c).

BCSTA's bylaws allow for the assembly at AGM to consider substantive motions which are submitted after the submission deadline if the motions “deal with matters arising from events occurring or legislation introduced subsequent to the stated sixty (60) day deadline for submission of motions” (Bylaw 10c). In recent years, most motions submitted after the deadline have been accepted as meeting the late motion criteria and have, therefore, been debated by the assembly at AGM.

The Committee considered the options and ramifications of changing the AGM motion submission timelines and recommends maintaining the current deadlines

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for submitting and transmitting extraordinary and substantive AGM motions. The reasons for the Committee's recommendation include:

- The current timelines provide boards of education with sufficient time to review and discuss the motions in advance of AGM;
- The late motion mechanism in BCSTA Bylaw 10(c) is functioning well; and,
- The current timelines allow staff enough time to communicate with the Legislative Committee and the submitting boards, branches and committees.

The Committee recommends continuing with the frequent reminders from BCSTA to trustees regarding the motion submission timelines.

In the past, BCSTA has provided trustees with professional development regarding motions at academies, AGM and on-line. The Committee also recommends that BCSTA consider professional development opportunities for trustees regarding process and crafting of resolutions to Provincial Council and AGM.

### REVIEW OF 2015/2016 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MOTIONS

In September 2015, the Legislative Committee reviewed seven motions submitted for the October 2015 Provincial Council meeting. The Committee determined that one motion was not emergent. The Legislative Committee approved six motions for debate at the October 2015 Provincial Council meeting.

At the Legislative Committee's January 2016 meeting, the Committee reviewed seven motions submitted for the February 2016 Provincial Council meeting. After review, the Committee determined that five motions were emergent in nature and two motions were not emergent.

### PREPARATION OF MOTIONS FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Committee reviewed a total of 33 motions for AGM. 32 motions were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by the deadlines specified in BCSTA's Bylaws for receipt of extraordinary and substantive AGM motions. The Provincial Council referred one motion to AGM during the February 2016 Provincial Council meeting. The Legislative Committee reviewed these motions and recommended revisions regarding the motions and rationales to clarify the intent following consultation with the movers of the motions. The Committee merged two motions into one motion as the motions were similar. One motion was withdrawn by the Branch Association that submitted the motion as the motion was adopted during the February 2016 Provincial Council meeting.

A total of 31 motions will be presented at AGM 2016 divided into the following

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categories:

- A. Extraordinary
- B. Capital/Facilities/Transportation
- C. Finance
- D. Teacher/Employee
- E. Student/Curriculum
- F. Boards of Education/Trustees

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Annual General Meeting consider the motions as printed in the Handbook.

### **SUBMITTED BY:**

**Ken Clarkson**

*Chair*

## 2015/2016 BCSTA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Teresa Rezansoff	KB	SD51 (Boundary)
Vice-President	Gordon Swan	TO	SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)
Director	Alan Chell	TO	SD19 (Revelstoke)
Director	Ken Clarkson	FV	SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
Director	Stephanie Higginson	VISTA	SD68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)
Director	Donna Sargent	Metro	SD38 (Richmond)
Director	Christine Younghusband	SC	SD46 (Sunshine Coast)
Chief Executive Officer	Mike Roberts		

### BCSTA STANDING COMMITTEES

#### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair	Larry Casper	TO	SD74 (Gold Trail)
	Billie Jean Beaubien	NW	SD54 (Bulkley Valley)
	Linda Dolen	NI	SD81 (Fort Nelson)
	Barry Forward	Metro	SD44 (North Vancouver)
	Gloria Jackson	NI	SD28 (Quesnel)
	Bobbi Johnson	TO	SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)
	Candace Spilsbury	VISTA	SD79 (Cowichan Valley)
	Fannie Vance	NW	SD87 (Stikine)
Board of Directors Representative	Donna Sargent		SD38 (Richmond)
Staff Resource	Mike Gagel		

## 2015/2016 BCSTA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE (ELECTED)

Chair	Carolyn Broady	Metro	SD45 (West Vancouver)
Vice-Chair	Terri-Lynne Huddlestone	NW	SD52 (Prince Rupert)
	Janice Caton	VI	SD71 (Comox Valley)
	Terri-Lynne Huddlestone	NW	SD52 (Prince Rupert)
	Brenda Hooker	NIB	SD57 (Prince George)
	Mary James	SC	SD47 (Powell River)
	Bruce Johnson	TO	SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)
	Cindy Strukoff	KB	SD51 (Boundary)
	Rose Tustian	FV	SD78 (Fraser Cascade)
	Pat Duncan		BC School Superintendents Assoc.
	Board of Directors Representative	Christine Younghusband	SC
Staff Resource	Gaila Erickson		

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair	Alan Chell		Board of Directors
	Pattie Adam	KB	SD10 (Arrow Lakes)
	Marie-France Lapierre	Metro	SD93 (Conseil Scolaire Francophone)
	Mike Murray	FV	SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
	Franci Stratton	Metro	SD44 (North Vancouver)
Staff Resource	Jodi Olstead		

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

	Ken Clarkson		Board of Directors
	Larry Ransom	VI	SD70 (Alberni)
	TBA	KB	SD08 (Kootenay Lake)
	Cindy Strukoff	KB	Education Committee
Staff Resource	Audrey Ackah		

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chair	Rob Paynter	VI	SD61 (Greater Victoria)
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## 2015/2016 BCSTA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

	Julie Planiden	TO	SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)
	Nancy Rempel	TO	SD74 (Gold Trail)
Staff Resource	Mike Roberts		

### BCSTA AD HOC COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

#### BARGAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair	Teresa Rezanoff	KB	SD51 (Boundary)
	Eve Flynn	VI	SD69 (Qualicum)
	Michel Saab	TO	SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)
	Shirley Wilson	FV	SD34 (Abbotsford)
	Greg Frank		BC Assoc. of School Business Officials
	Renzo Del Negro		BC Public School Employers' Association
	Alan Chell		Board of Directors
Staff Resource	Mike Roberts		

#### CO-GOVERNANCE STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair	Teresa Rezanoff		SD51 (Boundary)
	Mike Murray	FV	SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
	Moyra Baxter	TO	SD23 (Central Okanagan)
	Gordon Comeau	TO	SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)
	Gordon Swan		Board of Directors
	Donna Sargent		Board of Directors
Staff Resource	Mike Roberts		
Staff Resource	Audrey Ackah		

#### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD COMMITTEE

	Dan Coulter	FV	SD33 (Chilliwack)
	Laurie Larsen	Metro	SD36 (Surrey)
Board of Directors Liaison	Christine Youngusband		SD46 (Sunshine Coast)
Staff Resource	Jodi Olstead		

## 2015/2016 BCSTA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

### CO-GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

Chair	Teresa Rezansoff		Board of Directors
	Mike Murray	FV	SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
	Moyra Baxter	TO	SD23 (Central Okanagan)
	Gordon Comeau	TO	SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)
	Alison McVeigh	FV	Fraser Valley President
	Bev Bellina	KB	Kootenay Boundary President
	Laura Dixon	Metro	Metropolitan President
	Tanya Guenther	NI	Northern Interior President
	Art Erasmus	NW	North West President
	Carmen Ranta	TO	Thompson Okanagan President
	Lori Pratt	SC	South Coast President
	Eve Flynn	VI	Vancouver Island President
	TBD		Ministry of Education Representatives
	Gordon Swan		Board of Directors
	Donna Sargent		Board of Directors
Staff Resource	Mike Roberts		
Staff Resource	Audrey Ackah		

## **2015/2016 BCSTA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

### **EXTERNAL COMMITTEES – PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (BCSTA President)**

Teresa Rezansoff  
Staff Resource Mike Roberts

#### **BC TEACHERS' COUNCIL**

Teresa Rezansoff

#### **MINISTRY OF FINANCE SCHOOLS PROTECTION PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Audrey Ackah

#### **PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Gordon Swan

#### **SERVICE DELIVERY PROJECT TECHNICAL TASK FORCE**

Audrey Ackah

#### **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Audrey Ackah

## 2015/2016 BCSTA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

### EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - OTHER

#### BC CENTRE FOR SAFE SCHOOLS

BCSTA Representative	Baljinder Narang	Metro	SD41 (Burnaby)
Staff Resource	Mike Gagel		

#### BC SCHOOL SPORTS COMMITTEE

	Debbie Tablotney	Metro	SD38 (Richmond)
Board of Directors Liaison	Christine Younghusband		SD46 (Sunshine Coast)
Staff Resource	Mike Gagel		

#### BCTF/BCSTA GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

	Carolyn Broady	Metro	SD45 (West Vancouver)
	Michel Saab	TO	SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)
Board of Directors Representative	Alan Chell		SD19 (Revelstoke)
Staff Resource	Audrey Ackah		

#### BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING PROVINCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

	Marieze Tarr	TO	SD53 (Okanagan Similkameen)
Board of Directors Liaison	Christine Younghusband		SD46 (Sunshine Coast)
Staff Resource	Mike Gagel		

#### EDUCATION PARTNERS HEALTHY SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

	Cyndi Gerlach	Metro	SD44 (North Vancouver)
Board of Directors Liaison	Gordon Swan	TO	SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)
Staff Resource	Mike Gagel		

## 2015/2016 BCSTA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS CONSORTIUM

Board of Directors Representative	Donna Sargent	Metro	SD38 (Richmond)
Staff Resource	Gaila Erickson		

### TEACHER QUALIFICATION SERVICE & TEACHER QUALIFICATION BOARD

Vice-President or Board Designate	Gordon Swan		SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)
Alternate Board Designate	Donna Sargent		SD38 (Richmond)
	Laurae McNally (TQS)	Metro	SD36 (Surrey)
	Ginny Manning (TQS)	TO	SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)
Staff Resource	Mike Roberts (TQS & TQB)		

### K-12 ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PARTNERS GROUP / ABORIGINAL TEACHING EDUCATION CONSORTIUM (ATEC)

Board of Directors Representative	Donna Sargent		SD38 (Richmond)
Staff Resource	Mike Gagel		

### NATIONAL NETWORK ON STUDENT WELLNESS

Chair	Teresa Rezansoff	KB	SD51 (Boundary)
	Cyndi Gerlach	Metro	SD44 (North Vancouver)
	Margot Swinburnson	VI	SD62 (Sooke)
Staff Resource	Mike Roberts		