

February 2020

SYNOPSIS

BCSTA Provincial Council Summary

This is a summary of the February 2020 Provincial Council (PC) meeting, which took place at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver. Login to the [BCSTA HUB](#) to access and view linked documents. Click [here](#) to view draft PC minutes. Contact BCSTA CEO Mike Roberts at mroberts@bcsta.org for more details.

President's Report

President Stephanie Higginson touched on BCSTA's recent initiatives and focus areas, including an update on BCSTA advocacy, provincial bargaining, the funding model review, recruitment and retention, BCSTA's Leadership Series workshops and upcoming AGM. [Download the report.](#)

CEO's Report

CEO Mike Roberts' report featured a presentation on the historical shifts in power between governments, boards of education, teachers and other education stakeholders. [See the slides here.](#)

CSBA Report

Vice-President Carolyn Broady delivered a report on the activity of the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA), including news from Quebec on proposed legislation that will eliminate French-language school boards, news from other provinces, the work of CSBA's Indigenous education committee and upcoming events. [Download the report.](#)

Professional Learning Committee Report

Julie-Anne Runge, PLC Chair, delivered the committee's report focusing on upcoming BCSTA AGM plans, the Leadership Series, and future professional development to meet the needs of all trustees. [Download the report here.](#)

Indigenous Education Committee Report

Rick McKamey delivered a report with updates on their collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNSEC), their joint committee meeting with PLC and their plans for AGM. [Download the report.](#)

Legislative Committee Report

The committee examines motions submitted to PC; they received one motion by the motion submission deadline, which was approved for debate. [Download the report.](#)

Finance & Audit Committee Report

The committee presented BCSTA's draft 2020/2021 budget and requested feedback from boards. The final budget will be presented at the April 18 PC meeting. Feedback can be provided before Friday, March 20, 2020 c/o Jodi Olstead (jolstead@bcsta.org). The committee recommended an increase in per diem expense rates. [Download the report.](#)

Director Term of Office Working Group Report

Linda Dolen submitted a summary report on behalf of the working group. There was no consensus on director terms of office which the group concluded should be put to AGM via motion. The group made some recommendations on the process of moving to two-year terms. [Download the report.](#)

Capital Working Group Report

The capital working group presented a slideshow with updates on the groups activities and the status of their work on area / space formulas, capital funding for portable classrooms, school site land acquisition, and government requiring capital funding from reserves.

[Download the slides.](#)

Branch Structure Working Group Report

The branch structure working group presented their recommendations. A motion based on the recommendations will be brought forward at AGM. A subcommittee was is analyzing the results of a survey to branch presidents. [Download the report.](#)

Funding Model Review Presentations

Deputy Minister Scott MacDonald and BC Association of School Business Officials President Flavia Coughlan delivered presentations on the funding model review recommendations. Download the ministry's presentation [here](#); download BCASBO's presentation [here](#).

Disposition of Motions

The following motion was carried by PC:

9.1. New Funding Model

[Download the motion here.](#)