

February 2023

# SYNOPSIS

## BCSTA Provincial Council Summary

This is a summary of the February 2023 Provincial Council (PC) meeting, which took place in Vancouver at the SFU Wosk Centre for Dialogue. Draft minutes are available [here](#). Contact [Suzanne Hoffman](#) for more.

### President's Report

President Carolyn Broady shared updates on BCSTA on BCSTA's strategic plan, support for boards, and the association's partnership and advocacy efforts. Read the report [here](#).

### CEO's Report

CEO Suzanne Hoffman shared news about BCSTA's strategic plan and priorities. Read the report [here](#).

### CSBA Report

President Carolyn Broady delivered a report on the activity of the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA), including the association's anti-racism and advocacy work. Read her report [here](#).

### Finance & Audit Committee Report

The committee presented two motions to Provincial Council. Read the full report [here](#).

### Legislative Committee Report

The committee examines motions submitted to PC. David Swankey delivered a verbal report to the council, which can be read [here](#).

### Indigenous Education Committee Report

The committee's report includes an update on the committee work plan and questions to help facilitate discussions with trustees. Download the report [here](#).

### Professional Learning Committee Report

The report includes the committee's vision and work plan, plus an update on AGM. Download the report [here](#).

### Disposition of Motions

- 10.1 **CONTINUE FUNDING THE STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND**  
That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Child Care continue the Student and Family Affordability Fund as an annual targeted fund, provided to school districts beyond June 30, 2023; AND that the permitted uses of this Fund be made less restrictive, to better be able to serve students and families in need, including the possibility of providing or subsidizing transportation; AND that a portion of this Fund be permitted to be used to cover the costs of administering the Fund. AND that the funds be made available to School Districts prior to the start of the school year. Carried as amended
- 10.2 **FUNDING FOR EXEMPT STAFFING COMPENSATION**  
That BCSTA request the provincial government fully fund exempt staff compensation based on the new salary grids published by BCPSEA. Carried