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British Columbia School Trustees Association • AGM 2008

BCSTA Annual General Meeting and Conference

Westin Bayshore Hotel , Vancouver, BC
Thursday, April 3 to Sunday, April 6, 2008

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Preliminary Program

Thursday, April 3, 2008

11:00 am–1:00 pm	BCSTA Finance Committee
2:00 pm–4:00 pm	BCSTA Board of Directors' meeting
4:00 pm–5:00 pm	Open Forum with BCSTA Board of Directors
4:00 pm–7:00 pm	Internet and Business Lounge open
4:00 pm–9:00 pm	Sponsors' Displays open
4:00 pm–9:00 pm	Registration Desk open (<i>coffee/tea available</i>)
5:30 pm–6:30 pm	AGM Deputy Chairs' and Readers' Meeting
7:00 pm	OPENING CEREMONIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Processional▪ First Nations Welcome▪ <i>O Canada</i>▪ Student Entertainment▪ Greetings from guests▪ Additional Nominations for the BCSTA Board of Directors
Approx. 8:00 pm	OPENING PLENARY Keynote: Honourable Bob Rae Bob Rae served as Ontario's 21 st Premier, was elected eight times to federal and provincial parliaments, and is the Liberal candidate in the federal riding of Toronto Centre. Mr. Rae is a partner at an international law firm, where his clients include companies, trade unions, charitable and non-governmental organizations, and governments themselves. Mr. Rae will speak about the importance of trustees and local boards of education as the foundations of our democratic institutions and society.
9:00 pm–11:00 pm	President's Reception The President's Reception is an ideal opportunity to meet old friends, renew connections and socialize with fellow trustees from throughout British Columbia.

Friday, April 4, 2008

7:00 am–4:30 pm	Registration Desk open
7:15 am–8:30 am	BCSTA Branch Breakfasts (<i>provided</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fraser Valley▪ Kootenay Boundary▪ Mainline-Cariboo▪ Metropolitan▪ North West▪ Northern Interior▪ Okanagan▪ South Coast▪ VISTA
8:30 am–4:30 pm	Board of Education–Ministry Meetings (pre-booking required)
8:30 am–5:00 pm	Conversation room available to delegates
8:30 am–5:00 pm	Sponsors’ Displays open
8:30 am–5:00 pm	Internet and Business Lounge open
9:00 am–10:15 am	PLENARY SESSION Canadian School Boards Association Presidents’ Panel Representatives of school boards and boards of education from across Canada will headline a discussion on the importance of locally elected trustees and engaging the public in the trustee electoral process.
10:15 am–10:45 am	Break (<i>coffee/tea available</i>)
10:45 am–12:00 pm	AGM PLENARY SESSION Candidates Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Greetings from guests
12:00 pm–1:20 pm	Delegates’ Lunch (<i>provided</i>)
1:30 pm–4:30 pm	AGM BUSINESS MEETING – Part I <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Extraordinary motions▪ Substantive motions
from 2:00 pm	Continuous refreshments available
4:30 pm	Legislative Committee Meeting
4:30 pm	Adjourn for the day Delegates on their own for dinner
4:30 pm	CUPE-sponsored reception

Saturday, April 5, 2008

7:00 am–4:30 pm	Registration Desk open
7:30 am–8:30 am	Full breakfast provided for all delegates
8:30 am–4:30 pm	Sponsors' Displays open
8:30 am–5:00 pm	Internet and Business Lounge open
8:30 am–5:00 pm	Conversation room available to delegates
8:30 am–12:00 pm	AGM BUSINESS MEETING – Part II <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Candidates' speeches▪ Elections▪ Substantive motions (cont.)▪ Late motions
from 9:30 am	Continuous coffee/tea available
12:00 pm–1:20 pm	Delegates' Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Installation of the new Board of Directors
1:30 pm–2:45 pm	<u>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</u> (no pre-registration – offered once) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Chuntoh Education Society: A Community Partnership for Cross Cultural Environmental Education<p><i>Renel Mitchell, Program Coordinator; George Morris, Tl'azt'en Cultural Instructor</i></p><p>The Chuntoh cross cultural outdoor camp is a season-based outdoor curriculum for primary students that emphasizes the linkages between Dakelh (First Nations) cultural knowledge and the natural sciences. This program takes students out on to the land and provides unique opportunities for students to learn traditional skills from Elders and fieldwork methods from First Nation professionals working in natural resource management, and to experience the distinct seasons of the north from both cultural and ecological perspectives.</p><p>The program is sustained as a partnership amongst local First Nations groups, the Nechako Lakes Board of Education, government agencies and private companies.</p>2. The Community Intervention Program<p><i>Jim Crowley, President</i></p><p>Founded by Jim Crowley in 1979, Community Intervention is a Minneapolis, Minnesota-based training and publishing organization. Community Intervention works with professionals – from teachers to counsellors to social workers – in all 50 states to be more effective with children, ages 5-18. Community Intervention has conducted more than 1,000 seminars and publishes a catalogue, <i>Tools to Help Youth</i>, which contains hundreds of books, games, posters, videos, and other resources related to the well-being of children.</p>

Jim Crowley has worked with school districts in northern British Columbia to animate community partnerships in the interest of helping vulnerable youth.

3. Assessment: The Sequel

Monica Pamer, Assistant Superintendent, Richmond Board of Education

Last fall Monica Pamer prepared a research paper on assessment for BCSTA, and presented at the December Academy on this topic. There were some lively discussions during these sessions, and several trustees expressed an appetite for further opportunities to ask questions and clarify their ideas. During this workshop, Monica will facilitate a follow-up to her December presentation.

4. Encouraging Local Democracy: The Alberta Experience

Suzanne Lundrigan, Director of Communications, Alberta School Boards Association

With elections just months away, trustees and boards of education have an excellent opportunity to increase public interest in local democracy. In 1999, the Alberta School Boards Association launched a research-based campaign aimed at a) raising public awareness of the work of school boards, b) increasing the perception among stakeholders that school trustees fill a vital, important function and, c) generating more candidate and voter interest in school board elections.

ASBA Director of Communications Suzanne Lundrigan will present the research that spurred the ASBA's actions on this front and describe the tools and strategies the association prepares to support local school boards efforts to raise the profile of school boards and school board elections.

5. District Literacy Plans: The Pilot Districts

Alan Chell, Chair, Anne Cooper, Superintendent, Revelstoke Board of Education; Tracy Spannier, Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee Coordinator, and Jacquie Taylor, Superintendent (Literacy & Learning) Ministry of Education;

District Literacy Planning provides boards of education with a vehicle to reach out to community agencies and service providers to coordinate and enhance opportunities for literacy learning for citizens in all life stages. This session will give an overview of the provincial mandate for District Literacy Plans and will also provide suggestions and examples from the experience of the Revelstoke Board of Education.

Join these panelists for an interactive discussion of the way District Literacy Planning can create a better literacy environment for citizens in your community.

2:45 pm–3:15 pm Refreshment Break

3:15 pm–4:30 pm

PLENARY PRESENTATION

The Impact of School Boards on Student Achievement – The Lighthouse Inquiry

Mary Delagardelle, Executive Director, Iowa School Boards Foundation

Dr. Delagardelle is the project director of the Lighthouse Inquiry, an extensive longitudinal study, which examines the role of school board leadership in the improvement of student achievement. She summarizes her research with three words: “School boards matter.” With over 30 years as an educator, serving as a teacher, principal, and school board member, Dr. Delagardelle is now working with the Iowa Association of School Boards in local school board member professional development activities focusing on improving instruction. Dr. Delagardelle is a past principal at Edwards Elementary in Ames, Iowa.

4:30 pm

Adjourn

Delegates on their own for networking and recreation

6:00 pm–11:00 pm
*(doors open at 6:15 pm
for the dinner)*

Reception, Gala Dinner and Dance

- Long service awards
- Prize draws

Dancing With *Wager*

Wager is one of Vancouver's most experienced and successful classic rock bands, featuring outstanding vocals and solid music from some of the city's most skilled dance band musicians. With roots in the popular 1970s club band Mantra and local legends the R&B All Stars, and over 30 years working together, lead singer Al Lynch, drummer Rick Hill, keyboardist Al Davidson, guitar player Russell Marsland and bass player Warren Gill perform a wide range of rock and rhythm & blues from the 1950s to today—including '70s disco and your favourite hits.

Sunday, April 6, 2008

	Delegates on their own for breakfast
8:30 am–11:00 am	Registration Desk open
9:00 am	Completion of Business Meeting (if required)
Time TBA	BCSTA Education Committee Meeting
Followed by:	BCSTA Provincial Council meeting
Followed by:	BCSTA Board of Directors meeting (1/2 hour)
Noon (approx.)	AGM Adjourn