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#	TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
E1	BCSTA Life Members	BCSTA Board of Directors	That Bylaw 1 be amended to add section (d): <i>Long Service Life Membership – An individual who has accumulated 21 years of service as a trustee for a board of education that is a current member in good standing of the Association shall be conferred as a Life Member.</i>	Carried
E2	Branch Realignment	Mainline-Cariboo Branch	That Article 19 of the BCSTA Bylaws be amended effective June 30, 2008 by: <i>(a) deleting 19(3) Mainline-Cariboo Branch;</i> <i>(b) amending 19(7) Northern Interior Branch by adding “SD27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin); SD49 (Central Coast)”;</i> and <i>(c) amending 19(8) Okanagan Branch by adding “SD73 (Kamloops/Thompson); SD74 (Gold Trail)”</i> <i>(d) renumbering the subsections as required.</i>	Carried
3	Role Clarification Regarding Adult Learners	Kootenay Boundary Branch	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education to work with BCSTA and the Ministry of Advanced Education to further clarify the roles and responsibilities of boards of education and post-secondary institutions (both public and private) with regards to adult learners and adult literacy as defined in Bill 20.	Carried as Amended
4	Math 11 Requirement	Metro Branch	That BCSTA work with the Ministry of Education and the major post-secondary institutions to change the commonly accepted admission requirement of Principles of Math 11 for all students so that other streams of Math offered in our schools are accepted.	Carried
5	Aboriginal Teacher Recruitment	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA work with educational partners to develop a strategy to encourage Aboriginal students to enter the teaching profession.	Carried
6	DRIVE 08 Program	Nanaimo Ladysmith Board of Education	That BCSTA assist school districts in developing a DRIVE program (Demonstrating Responsibility in Vehicle Education Class) with Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Insurance Corporation of BC representatives in each community.	Defeated

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7	Inter-Ministerial Framework for Addressing Board of Education Mandates	Langley Board of Education	In consultation with BCSTA, the Ministry of Education and all relevant ministries: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a framework for inter-ministerial cooperation concerning the provision for common services/programs. 2. Develop a process for adequate multi-ministry funding to support programs where mandates overlap. 	Carried as amended
8	Community Schools and Board of Education Mandates	Langley Board of Education	That BCSTA request the Ministries of Education, Advanced Education, Children and Family Development, Health, Attorney General and Community Services to work with BCSTA and ACEbc (Association of Community Education BC), and others with expertise in community education and community schools, to develop models for school and community partnerships.	Defeated
9	BCSTA Branch Structure Review	South Coast Branch	That BCSTA undertake a review of the present branch structure and make recommendations to the 2009 AGM.	Withdrawn
10	Government and Trustee Protocols of Recognition	Metropolitan Branch	That BCSTA develop a Trustee Protocol that will clearly communicate to all levels of government the goal of mutual respect at meetings and functions.	Defeated
11	Improvement of Trustee/Ministry Co-Governance and Consultation	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA work with Ministry of Education to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Live webcast ministry/board chair/superintendent meetings, and (b) That the content of those meetings include proposed initiatives that may be currently under consideration. 	Defeated

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12	Feasibility Study for a BCSTA Research Department	South Coast Branch	That BCSTA estimate the cost and feasibility of establishing a BCSTA research department, and report back to the October 2008 Provincial Council meeting.	Carried
13	School Planning Councils (SPC)	Abbotsford Board of Education	That BCSTA engage in discussions with the Ministry of Education regarding appropriate, realistic purposes, roles, structures and operational parameters of school planning councils in order to provide a clear and consistent mandate to which all boards of education should follow.	Carried as Amended
14	Trustee Qualification	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Board of Education	That the BCSTA Board of Directors urge the Minister of Education to revise the <i>School Act</i> to reflect the recent BC Supreme Court decision by providing a clear definition of residency and to establish the need for residency in the school district where the trustee was elected.	Defeated
15	Partnership Between Ministries	Prince Rupert Board of Education	That the Ministry of Education support the expanded mandate of boards of education by forming meaningful partnerships with the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the Ministry of Health to address adequate funding, space utilization and expertise.	Withdrawn
16	District Staff Development Programs	Kootenay Boundary Branch	That BCSTA ask the British Columbia Education Leadership Council (BCELC) and the British Columbia School Superintendents Association (BCSSA) to work with BCSTA to further develop leadership programs for district leaders.	Carried

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17	Inter-Provincial Recognition of Teacher Certification	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA urge the BC College of Teachers to facilitate inter-provincial recognition of teacher certification to support recruitment and retention for teachers trained in other jurisdictions.	Carried as Amended
18	Letters of Permission	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA, to address recruitment and retention issues, urge the BC College of Teachers (BCCT) to simplify the approval process for teachers applying for Letters of Permission, and to extend the length of time that Letters of Permission are valid before they must be renewed.	Carried
19	Recruitment and Retention	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA, in collaboration with educational partners and ministries, immediately develop a strategy pertaining to recruitment and retention in rural and remote districts where critical shortages for all teaching positions and other educational positions exist.	Carried
20	Remote Districts Recruitment Incentive	Vancouver Island West Board of Education	That BCSTA approach the Minister of Education to make available to newly qualified teachers, who are taking up appointments in remote districts, a grant towards the settlement of student loans incurred by them during the course of their professional training. This grant would be dependent on the recipient staying in the employ of the remote school for a period of three years.	Carried as Amended
21	Guest Workers	Nanaimo-Ladysmith Board of Education	That BCSTA urge the federal and provincial governments to abandon guest worker programs and policies and to encourage family immigration programs and policies.	Refer to Education Committee

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22	Secondment of District Staff	North West Branch	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education to give more consideration to boards of education when seconding senior staff, and to do so in a way that gives boards the time necessary to attract suitable replacement candidates.	Withdrawn
23	School Year Continuity in the Assignment of Special Needs Teachers	Cariboo-Chilcotin Board of Education	That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education proclaim Section 18.1 of the <i>School Act</i> entitled, "School Year Continuity in the Assignment of Special Needs Teachers' Assistants."	Carried
24	Support Communities in Economic Crisis	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA urge government to support and provide transitional social infrastructure funding for industry-dependent communities whose main industry is undergoing closure or indefinite shutdown.	Carried as Amended
25	Reporting Teacher Conduct/Competence to the BCCT	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Board of Education	That the BCSTA Board of Directors, either alone or in partnership with the BC Public Schools Employers' Association Board of Directors, request the Minister of Education to revise the <i>School Act</i> to reinstate the boards of education as the entity responsible for reporting teacher conduct and competence to the BC College of Teachers.	Withdrawn
26	Clinical Counselling in Rural Areas	Gold Trail Board of Education	That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to partner with the Ministry of Children and Family Development and/or the Ministry of Health to provide and fund clinical counselling for students.	Carried as Amended

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27	Equity of Funding for All Students Attending Alternate Programs in Grades 10-12	Burnaby Board of Education	The BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education provide equity of funding to school districts for all students attending alternate programs in Grades 10-12.	Carried
28	Equity of Funding for All Students Taking Courses Leading to Graduation	Burnaby Board of Education	The BCSTA request the Ministry of Education to amend the funding formula so that there is equal funding for each school-aged student taking a course leading to graduation, regardless of district boundaries.	Carried
29	Funding for Mental Health Services	Sooke Board of Education	That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to work together with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Children and Family Development to work together to provide funding to ensure mental health services are available to student populations, in particular our most vulnerable students, by implementing the Union of BC Municipalities resolution B153.	Carried
30	Funding for School Sport Teams' Travel	Rocky Mountain Board of Education	That BCSTA request that the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health jointly increase funding to rural school districts to help cover the added costs associated with school sports teams' and extracurricular travel.	Carried as Amended
31	Special Education Services for High-Incidence and Gifted Students	Nanaimo-Ladysmith Board of Education	That BCSTA urge the Minister of Education to address the historical funding shortfall of Special Education services by increasing the level of funding.	Carried as Amended

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32	GAAP Funding	North Vancouver Board of Education	That BCSTA urge the Minister of Education to restore the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles funding allocation eliminated in the autumn recalculation through an increase of \$64.03 to the per pupil funding base amount of \$5,851.	Carried
33	Stable, Predictable Funding	Kootenay Boundary Branch	That BCSTA request the Minister of Education to ensure stable, predictable funding for school districts.	Withdrawn
34	15 Passenger Vans	BCSTA Board of Directors	That BCSTA Board of Directors work with the Minister of Education and the Minister of Transportation to develop a provincial strategy for dealing with the issue of 15 passenger vans that results in a common student safety approach that will mitigate Boards exposure to liability.	Withdrawn
35	Carbon Neutral	Northern Interior Branch	That BCSTA urge the government to include all individual boards of education in design of Carbon Neutral Policy and Regulations affecting school districts in BC.	Carried
36	Annual Facilities Grant	North Vancouver Board of Education	That BCSTA urge the Minister of Education to increase the Annual Facilities Grant to school districts to the industry standard recommended by the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of 1.5 per cent of a school district's facilities replacement cost.	Carried
37	Capacity Utilization	Cariboo-Chilcotin Board of Education	That BCSTA work with the Ministry of Education to modify the criteria for approving capital plans, recognizing the uniqueness of individual districts.	Carried
38	Priority Listing	North Vancouver Board of Education	That BCSTA urge the Minister of Education to provide boards of education, and make available to the public, an annual report of the ministries' current province-wide priority listing by age and condition of school facilities and use this priority listing to determine capital projects.	Carried

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39	Property Values	Gold Trail Board of Education	That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to consider the value of real estate in each school district and the economics of the local community where attempts are being made to raise funds to partner with the ministry in renovating an existing school facility or building a new facility.	Carried
40	Funding for Student Transportation	Saanich Board of Education	That BCSTA lobby the Ministries of Education, Environment and Transportation, in view of the provincial government's commitment to solving the issues around climate change, to support school districts in their efforts to reduce vehicle emissions and congestion around public schools by fully funding both expansion of, and operating costs for, student transportation systems.	Carried
41	Transportation Study	North Vancouver Board of Education	That BCSTA urge the Minister of Education to resume the Transportation Study that was intended to form the basis for more equitable distribution of the transportation funding allocation between school districts.	Carried
42	Review of Daycare Licensing Requirement	Kootenay Boundary Branch	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Health to provide an exemption for licensed day cares and preschools on school property from the regulation concerning play area enclosures.	Defeated
43	Speed Zones	Nanaimo-Ladysmith Board of Education	That BCSTA work with the appropriate authorities and the Ministry of Education, asking that speeding fines be doubled in school zones and further that signs be posted similar to those found in construction zones alerting drivers to the increased fines.	Carried as Amended
L44	Provincial Government Carbon Tax	Okanagan Branch	That BCSTA urge the Minister of Finance to rebate school districts the full amount of the carbon tax, with the percentage of the rebate to be adjusted as districts obtain buildings and vehicles that meet the new standards.	Carried