



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MORRIS J. WOSK CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE, VANCOUVER, BC ON FEBRUARY 16, 2008.

PRESENT:

<i>School District</i>	<i>Provincial Councillor /Alternate</i>
SD05 (Southeast Kootenay)	Pat Casey
SD06 (Rocky Mountain)	Jim Jenkinson
SD08 (Kootenay Lake)	No representation
SD10 (Arrow Lakes)	Lora Lee Brekke
SD19 (Revelstoke)	Jeff Nicholson
SD20 (Kootenay-Columbia)	Bev Maloff
SD22 (Vernon)	Len Anderson (alternate)
SD23 (Central Okanagan)	Rolli Cacchioni (alternate)
SD27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)	Wayne Rodier
SD28 (Quesnel)	Tony Goulet
SD33 (Chilliwack)	Silvia Dyck
SD34 (Abbotsford)	Korky Neufeld
SD35 (Langley)	Hattie Hogeterp
SD36 (Surrey)	Laurae McNally
SD37 (Delta)	Simon Truelove
SD38 (Richmond)	Sandra Bourque
SD39 (Vancouver)	Carol Gibson
SD40 (New Westminster)	James Janzen
SD41 (Burnaby)	Larry Hayes
SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)	Kathie Ward
SD43 (Coquitlam)	Debra Burton
SD44 (North Vancouver)	No representation
SD45 (West Vancouver)	Jane Kellett
SD46 (Sunshine Coast)	Norm Gleadow
SD47 (Powell River)	Jeanette Scott
SD48 (Howe Sound)	Dave Walden
SD49 (Central Coast)	Irene Tite
SD50 (Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte)	Ina Biron

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<i>School District</i>	<i>Provincial Councillor /Alternate</i>
SD51 (Boundary)	John Malloff
SD52 (Prince Rupert)	Louisa Sanchez
SD53 (Okanagan Similkameen)	Debbie Marten
SD54 (Bulkley Valley)	Shelley Browne
SD57 (Prince George)	Roxanne Ricard
SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)	Marguerite Kempin
SD59 (Peace River South)	Elmer Kabush
SD60 (Peace River North)	Linda Sewell
SD61 (Greater Victoria)	Mark Walsh
SD62 (Sooke)	Margot Swinburnson (alternate)
SD63 (Saanich)	No representation
SD64 (Gulf Islands)	Susanne Middleditch
SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)	Ginny Manning
SD68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)	Andrea Bonkowski
SD69 (Qualicum)	Rhonda Roy
SD70 (Alberni)	No representation
SD71 (Comox Valley)	Rick Grinham
SD72 (Campbell River)	Warren Harle
SD73 (Kamloops/Thompson)	Annette Glover
SD74 (Gold Trail)	Mavourneen Varcoe-Ryan
SD75 (Mission)	Cindy Miller
SD78 (Fraser-Cascade)	Al Fraser (alternate)
SD79 (Cowichan Valley)	No representation
SD81 (Fort Nelson)	Andy Karassowitsch (alternate)
SD82 (Coast Mountains)	Raymond Raj
SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)	Maureen Kalynchuk
SD84 (Vancouver Island West)	Josie Fletcher
SD85 (Vancouver Island North)	Victor Tracy
SD87 (Stikine)	Yvonne Tashoots
SD91 (Nechako Lakes)	Rosalie Nichiporuk
SD92 (Nisga'a)	Brian Tait
SD93 (Conseil Scolaire Francophone)	Gaétan Desrochers

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Penny Tees, President	SD08 (Kootenay Lake)
Connie Denesiuk, Vice President	SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)
Melissa Hyndes, Director	SD43 (Coquitlam)
Michael McEvoy, Director	SD61 (Greater Victoria)
Diana Mumford, Director	SD41 (Burnaby)
Teresa Rezanoff, Director	SD51 (Boundary)
Gordon Swan, Director	SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)
Stephen Hansen, Executive Director	BCSTA

STAFF:

Mike Gagel, Director, Information & Education Technology
Rob Goodall, Senior Director, Education
Melanie Jackson, Writer/Editor
Maggie Li, Executive Assistant
Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Communications Assistant
David Reycraft, Director, Communications

President Penny Tees called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

1. Adoption of Proposed Agenda

Moved: Scott That the Agenda be adopted as presented.
Sec: Maloff

CARRIED Res.PC#01/2008

President Tees introduced Deputy Minister James Gorman, who updated Provincial Council, on Ministry of Education initiatives. For a full summary of Deputy Minister Gorman's presentation, please refer to the BCSTA Synopsis distributed on February 25, 2008.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Grinham That the Minutes of the meeting of the Provincial Council
Sec: Kellett held on October 13, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED Res.PC#02/2008

3. Oral Reports

3.1. Governance Committee Reports

Education Committee

Chair Linda McPhail, Richmond Board of Education reported that the Education Committee met and discussed the following topics:

- BCSTA response to the Campus 2020 report
- Tele-PD programs
- Reports on fine arts policy and programming
- Funding for support of the expanded mandate

For a full summary of the Education Committee report, please refer to the BCSTA Synopsis distributed on February 25, 2008.

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Aboriginal Education Committee

Trustee Tony Goulet, Quesnel Board of Education reported that the Aboriginal Education Committee met for a two-day session. The following topics were discussed during the meeting:

- Aboriginal Education Portal
- Education Partners Group Report
- Anti-racism workshops
- Aboriginal teacher recruitment
- First Nations Education Jurisdiction and Bill 46

For a full summary of the Aboriginal Education Committee report, please refer to the BCSTA Synopsis distributed on February 25, 2008.

Moved: Ward That the oral reports of the BCSTA Education Committee and
Sec: Walsh Aboriginal Education Committee be received.

CARRIED Res.PC#03/2008

3.2. President's Report

President Penny Tees started her report by paying tribute to two passing trustees, Jim London from SD62 (Sooke) and Bill Sturn from SD74 (Gold Trail). President Tees spoke of their contribution to education and community.

She continued by reporting on BCSTA's progress and accomplishments since the last Provincial Council meeting. She spoke of BCSTA's advocacy on the funding formula changes and updated Councillors on the response from her meetings with the Ministry. Other recent areas of advocacy from BCSTA include Section 11 appeals process, anaphylaxis framework, and progress on the BCSTA's strategic priorities.

Looking ahead, President Tees reflected on upcoming changes within BCSTA and in public education. She thanked the Council for the privilege to chair the meetings in the past four years.

Moved: Jenkinson That the President's oral report be received.
Sec: Goulet

CARRIED Res.PC#04/2008

3.3. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Stephen Hansen provided an overview of staff work since the last Provincial Council meeting. Highlights include the following areas:

- Board Development
- Legal Services,
- Financial Services
- Communications,
- Advocacy and Governance work.

Executive Director Hansen ended his report by sharing his vision and personal goals for the organization.

Moved: Anderson That the Executive Director's oral report be received.
Sec: Ward

CARRIED Res.PC#05/2008

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3.4. CSBA Director's Report

President Tees provided an update on the executive changes on CSBA Board, and the highlights from the fall meeting in November 2007. The next CSBA meeting is scheduled in Toronto from February 25-26 and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association will be hosting the CSBA Congress in Regina in July 2008. President Tees reported on the federal legislation of the Copyright Act and encouraged trustees to review the materials to be distributed through BCSTA about this matter.

Moved: Grinham That the CSBA Director's oral report be received.

Sec: Marten

CARRIED Res.PC#06/2008

4. Action Items

4.1. 2008/2009 BCSTA Draft Budget

Moved: Walden That the Provincial Council receive the 2008/2009 BCSTA

Sec: Roy Draft Budget.

CARRIED Res.PC#07/2008

5. Councillor Motions

5.1. Funding for Expanded Mandate

Initial Motion

Moved: Brekke

Sec: Jenkinson

That BCSTA request the Minister of Education to work with Treasury Board and other ministries to ensure additional funding is available to Boards of Education so they may successfully implement initiatives in early learning, community literacy and adult upgrading to meet their new legislated responsibilities without compromising education for K-12 students.

CARRIED Res.PC#08/2008

5.2. Funding Formula

Initial Motion

Moved: Malloff

Sec:

Karassowitsch

That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to continue to provide School Districts with a funding formula that gives Districts a three year envelope of predictable funding.

CARRIED Res.PC#09/2008

6. Late Motions

6.1. 15-Passenger Vans

Moved: Bourque

Sec: Casey

That the Late Motion 6.1, 15-Passenger Vans be added to the agenda.

DEFEATED Res.PC#10/2008

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7. Committee Reports

- 7.1. Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors held on September 20, 2007, October 12, 2007, and December 6, 2007.
- 7.2. Minutes of the Meetings of the Education Committee held on June 21-23, 2007.
- 7.3. Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance Committee held on September 20, 2007 and October 12, 2007.
- 7.4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Aboriginal Education Committee held on April 21, 2007.

Moved: That the meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors, Education
Karassowitsch Committee, Aboriginal Education Committee, and Finance
Sec: Kalynchuk Committee be received.

CARRIED Res.PC#11/2008

8. Miscellaneous

- 8.1. Tracking of Provincial Council Decisions of October 13, 2007
- 8.2. Status of 2007 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

Moved: McNally That the tracking of Provincial Council decisions of October
Sec: Ward 13, 2007 and the status report on the Annual General Meeting
2007 resolutions be received.

CARRIED Res.PC#12/2008

9. Adjournment

Moved: Maloff That the meeting adjourn.
Sec: Brekke

CARRIED Res.PC#13/2008