



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE COAST PLAZA HOTEL, VANCOUVER, BC ON FEBRUARY 28, 2009.

PRESENT:

<u><i>School District</i></u>	<u><i>Provincial Councillor /Alternate</i></u>
SD05 (Southeast Kootenay)	Pat Casey
SD06 (Rocky Mountain)	Jim Jenkinson
SD08 (Kootenay Lake)	Bob Wright
SD10 (Arrow Lakes)	Bill Hilton
SD19 (Revelstoke)	No representation
SD20 (Kootenay-Columbia)	Bev Maloff
SD22 (Vernon)	Mollie Bono
SD23 (Central Okanagan)	Moyra Baxter
SD27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)	Wayne Rodier
SD28 (Quesnel)	Gloria Jackson
SD33 (Chilliwack)	Louise Piper (alternate)
SD34 (Abbotsford)	Shirley Wilson (alternate)
SD35 (Langley)	Rod Ross
SD36 (Surrey)	Laurae McNally
SD37 (Delta)	Simon Truelove
SD38 (Richmond)	Debbie Tablotney
SD39 (Vancouver)	Mike Lombardi
SD40 (New Westminster)	Michael Ewen (alternate)
SD41 (Burnaby)	Larry Hayes
SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)	Kathie Ward
SD43 (Coquitlam)	Gail Atly
SD44 (North Vancouver)	Susan Skinner
SD45 (West Vancouver)	Jane Kellett
SD46 (Sunshine Coast)	Dave Mewhort
SD47 (Powell River)	Jeanette Scott
SD48 (Howe Sound)	Dave Walden
SD49 (Central Coast)	Crystal Anderson
SD50 (Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte)	Wayne Wilson
SD51 (Boundary)	Sally Garcelon

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SD52 (Prince Rupert)	Louisa Sanchez
SD53 (Okanagan Similkameen)	Sam Hancheroff
SD54 (Bulkley Valley)	Judy McIntosh
SD57 (Prince George)	Trish Bella
SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)	Richie Gage
SD59 (Peace River South)	Sherry Berringer
SD60 (Peace River North)	Heather Hannaford
SD61 (Greater Victoria)	Bev Horsman
SD62 (Sooke)	Margot Swinburnson
SD63 (Saanich)	Helen Parker
SD64 (Gulf Islands)	Susanne Middleditch
SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)	Ginny Manning
SD68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)	David Murchie
SD69 (Qualicum)	Inez Hutchinson
SD70 (Alberni)	Larry Ransom
SD71 (Comox Valley)	Janice Caton (alternate)
SD72 (Campbell River)	Michele Babchuk
SD73 (Kamloops/Thompson)	Annette Glover
SD74 (Gold Trail)	Valerie Adrian
SD75 (Mission)	Cindy Miller
SD78 (Fraser-Cascade)	Marv Cope
SD79 (Cowichan Valley)	Julie Thomas
SD81 (Fort Nelson)	Linda Dolen (alternate)
SD82 (Coast Mountains)	Raymond Raj
SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)	Bobbi Johnson
SD84 (Vancouver Island West)	Jessie Smith
SD85 (Vancouver Island North)	Victor Tracy
SD87 (Stikine)	Feddie Louie (alternate)
SD91 (Nechako Lakes)	Rosalie Nichiporuk
SD92 (Nisga'a)	Peter Leeson
SD93 (Conseil Scolaire Francophone)	Raymond Ouimet

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Connie Denesiuk, President	SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)
Michael McEvoy, Vice President	SD61 (Greater Victoria)
Melissa Hyndes, Director	SD43 (Coquitlam)
Diana Mumford, Director	SD41 (Burnaby)
Teresa Rezansoff, 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
Jodi Olstead, Director, Finance & Administration
Carolyn Warner, Director, Communications

President Connie Denesiuk called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

1. Adoption of Proposed Agenda

Moved: Raj That the Agenda be adopted as presented.
Sec: Babchuk

CARRIED Res.PC#01/2009

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved: McNally That the Minutes of the meeting of the Provincial Council
Sec: Jenkinson held on October 25, 2008 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED Res.PC#02/2009

3. Oral Reports

3.1. Governance Committee Reports

The Education Committee Chair, Linda McPhail and the Aboriginal Education Committee Chair, Tony Goulet, delivered oral reports regarding the meetings of each committee before Provincial Council. For a full summary of the oral reports, please refer to the BCSTA Provincial Council Synopsis distributed on March 5, 2009.

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

CARRIED Res.PC#03/2009

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3.2. President's Report

President Connie Denesiuk reported on BCSTA's progress and accomplishments since the last Provincial Council meeting. For a full summary of the President's Report, please refer to the BCSTA Provincial Council Synopsis distributed on March 5, 2009.

Moved: McNally That the President's oral report be received.

Sec: Skinner

CARRIED Res.PC#04/2009

3.3. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Stephen Hansen provided an overview of staff work since the last Provincial Council meeting. For a full summary of the Executive Director's Report, please refer to the BCSTA Provincial Council Synopsis distributed on March 5, 2009.

Moved: Mewhort That the Executive Director's oral report be received.

Sec: Manning

CARRIED Res.PC#05/2009

3.4. CSBA Director's Report

President Connie Denesiuk reported on some of the current developments of CSBA. For a full summary of the CSBA Director's Report, please refer to the BCSTA Provincial Council Synopsis distributed on March 5, 2009.

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

Sec: Mewhort

CARRIED Res.PC#06/2009

4. Action Items

4.1. 2009/2010 BCSTA Draft Budget

Moved: Walden That the Provincial Council receive the 2009/2010 BCSTA

Sec: Ransom Draft Budget.

CARRIED Res.PC#07/2009

5. Councillor Motions

5.1. New School Construction: An Economic Stimulus

Initial Motion

Moved: Casey

Sec: Jenkinson

That during the present economic crisis, in order to stimulate the economy, the BCSTA strongly urges the Minister of Finance to allocate additional funding to the Minister of Education for the purpose of new school construction.

Final Motion after amendment(s)

That during the present economic crisis, in order to stimulate the economy, the BCSTA strongly urges the Minister of Finance to allocate additional funding to the Minister of Education for the purpose of school construction, repairs in existing schools, and renovations.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY Res.PC#08/2009

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5.2. Masking FSA Results

Initial Motion

Moved: Garcelon
Sec: Lombardi

That BCSTA urge the Minister of Education to revise its policy relating to the release of assessment data sets, specifically the Foundation Skills Assessment results to external bodies, such as the Fraser Institute; so that access for the purpose of ranking is no longer allowed either by directly refusing the access or by masking the identity of the schools.

Final Motion after amendment(s)

That BCSTA urge the Minister of Education to revise its policy relating to the release of assessment data sets, specifically the Foundation Skills Assessment results to external bodies, such as the Fraser Institute; so that access for the purpose of ranking or identification of schools is no longer allowed.

CARRIED AS AMENDED Res.PC#09/2009

5.3. Amendment of Branch Bylaws: Vancouver Island School Trustees Association

Initial Motion

Moved: Parker
Sec: Caton

That Provincial Council approve the amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association.

CARRIED Res.PC#10/2009

6. Late Motions

6.1a. Provincial Operating Grants to Cover Increase in Costs

Moved: Lombardi
Sec: Skinner

That the Late Motion 6.1, Provincial Operating Grants to Cover Increase in Costs, be added to the agenda.

CARRIED Res.PC#11/2009

6.1.b. Provincial Operating Grants to Cover Increase in Costs

Initial Motion

Moved: Lombardi
Sec: Murchie

That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to ensure that the 2009/2010 operating grants include funding to cover costs related to salary increments, benefits, inflation and the expanded mandate.

Final Motion after amendment (s)

That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to ensure that the 2009/2010 operating grants include funding to cover costs related to salary increments, benefits, transportation, inflation and the expanded mandate.

CARRIED AS AMENDED Res.PC#12/2009

