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|----|---|--|--|---------|
| E1 | BCSTA Bylaw Changes: Candidate Statements and Okanagan Branch Name Change | BCSTA Board of Directors and Okanagan Branch | <p><b>That BCSTA Bylaw 15d be amended to read as follows:</b></p> <p><i>The Association shall distribute or make available the candidates' statements package to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting; candidates may submit a candidate statement (maximum 500 words) and a photograph twenty (20) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.</i></p> <p>And</p> <p><b>That BCSTA Bylaw 19, No. 7 be amended to read as follows:</b></p> <p><i>Thompson Okanagan Branch<br/>SD19 (Revelstoke); SD22 (Vernon); SD23 (Central Okanagan); SD53 (Okanagan Similkameen); SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen); SD67 (Okanagan Skaha); SD73 (Kamloops/Thompson); SD74 (Gold Trail); SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)</i></p> | Carried |
| E2 | Increased Size of the Aboriginal Education Committee                      | BCSTA Aboriginal Education Committee         | <p><b>That BCSTA Bylaw 11g be amended to read as follows:</b></p> <p><i>The president shall appoint an Aboriginal Education Committee within two (2) weeks of the president assuming office. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) voting members appointed by the president, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors (other than the executive director) who shall also act as a liaison between the Committee and the Board of Directors.</i></p>  | Carried |
| 3  | School Access to High-Speed Internet                                      | Northern Interior Branch                     | That BCSTA work with the Ministry of Education to ensure access to high-speed Internet in all public schools in the province.  | Carried |

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| 4 | Neighbourhood Learning Centres                   | North Vancouver Board of Education   | That BCSTA<br>(i) support the Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC) concept in principle; and<br>(ii) advocate that the Ministry of Education take the lead in developing a cross-ministerial policy that would inform and encourage participation of other ministries, local governments, and community entities and provide a framework for planning and development that is supported by appropriate funding, and<br>(iii) Advocate that Neighbourhood Learning Centres be developed in existing facilities, where possible, as well as in new ones. | Carried as Amended |
| 5 | Rural Education                                  | Northern Interior Branch             | That BCSTA work with government to ensure provision of equitable access to quality public education for rural students in their local communities.  | Carried            |
| 6 | Student Privacy and Foundation Skills Assessment | Nanaimo-Ladysmith Board of Education | That BCSTA urge the government to take immediate steps to prevent the release of Foundation Skills Assessment data that may be used to identify individual students.  | Carried            |
| 7 | Student Achievement Statistics: Children in Care | North Vancouver Board of Education   | That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education to provide boards of education with confidential school district reports on student achievement for students in the care of Ministry of Children and Family Development; to make legislative and/or policy changes to facilitate information-sharing on this subject; and further to report these statistics separately from the overall graduation achievement rates for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.   | Carried as amended |
| 8 | Advertising Partnership                          | Arrow Lakes Board of Education       | <del>That BCSTA work in conjunction with interested partner groups to commonly sponsor and finance an advertising campaign to inform the public about our public education system.</del>  | Defeated           |
| 9 | Full Day Kindergarten Exemption                  | Arrow Lakes Board of Education       | That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education to allow schools that are unable to form separate Kindergarten classes to have the option of being granted an exemption from having to run Full Day Kindergarten classes, or to fund all costs associated with running these classes.  | Carried            |

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| 10 | Boards of Education Mandate and Funding                                  | North Okanagan-Shuswap Board of Education                              | That BCSTA request the Minister of Education to review and reduce the mandates of boards of education to be consistent with the provincial funding currently available.  | Defeated           |
| 11 | Public Education Action Group  | Saanich Board of Education & Nanaimo Ladysmith Board of Education      | That BCSTA convene a public education action group involving an expanded group of partners and others to collaborate on a vision for the future direction and resourcing of public education request that the province of BC.  | Defeated           |
| 12 | Government Reporting Requirements  | North Okanagan-Shuswap Board of Education & Saanich Board of Education | That BCSTA request the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance to reduce and streamline government reporting requirements for boards of education.   | Carried as amended |
| 13 | School Trustee Communication   | Vancouver Board of Education   | That BCSTA establish a voluntary province-wide e-mail list(serv) to be made available to all school trustees for the purpose of facilitating the sharing of information, enhancing communications, and networking amongst school trustees.   | Carried as amended |
| 14 | Disciplinary Reporting Agency for Non-Teaching School District Employees | Mission Board of Education   | <del>That BCSTA approach the Minister of Education to establish a provincial reporting protocols for disciplinary incidents involving inappropriate behaviour toward children by non-teaching school district employees. These protocols would be followed as a hiring practice by school districts.</del>   | Defeated           |
| 15 | Rural Practica for Student Teachers                                      | Vancouver Island West Board of Education                               | That BCSTA request the Minister of Education to fund an honourarium for student teachers who take their final practicum in a rural school; and further,<br><br>That BCSTA request the postsecondary institutions through the Association of BC Deans of Education to allow the evaluation of such practica to be performed by the school administration. | Carried            |

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| 16 | Strategies Pertaining to Recruitment and Retention in Rural and Remote Districts | Northern Interior Branch  | That BCSTA work in collaboration with the BC Public School Employers' Association in addressing issues of recruitment and retention in rural and remote districts where critical staff shortages exist.  | Carried as amended |
| 17 | Funding for Adult Students   | Vancouver Island West Board of Education  | That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education to provide boards of education with funding for adult students seeking to graduate at the same level and for the same programs as provided for school-age students, in order that school districts can offer courses that meet the needs of adult students.   | Carried            |
| 18 | Funding for Independent Schools Redirected to Public School System               | Referred by Provincial Council, Submitted by Cowichan Valley Board of Education | That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education to redirect to the public education system the public money spent on independent schools, other than band schools.  | Carried            |
| 19 | Moratorium on the Carbon Emission Offset Purchase Plan                           | Vancouver Board of Education  | That there be a moratorium on the carbon emission offset purchase plan and reporting requirements until three years after the Annual Facilities Grant has been fully restored, and districts have had time and funding to make improvements that would reduce emissions.   | Carried            |
| 20 | Adequate, Predictable and Sustainable Funding                                    | Northern Interior Branch & Arrow Lakes Board of Education                       | That BCSTA urge government to provide adequate, predictable and sustainable funding that includes additional financial support for newly mandated initiatives and existing unfunded liabilities and that the Ministry of Education establish a Royal Commission to determine what is adequate funding and to further inform newly mandated initiatives and innovations for public education in the 21st century and that BCSTA convene a public education action group to develop a vision for public education. | Carried as amended |

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| 21  | Free Ferry Travel for All BC Students while Travelling on School Activities | South Coast Branch                            | That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Transportation to adopt a provincewide policy of free travel on BC Ferries for all BC students traveling for school functions.   | Carried            |
| 22  | Sale of Surplus School Property   | Kootenay Lake Board of Education              | That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to develop and communicate a set of criteria for what is meant by "exceptional circumstances" including recognizing the differences in school districts' local circumstances when applying the <i>School Building Closure and Disposal Policy</i> .                                    | Carried as amended |
| 23  | Operating and Maintenance Funding for Closed Public Schools                 | Saanich Board of Education                    | That BCSTA urge the provincial government through the Ministry of Education to work with boards of education to ensure that closed school facilities continue to be viable public assets by ensuring that the cost of the ongoing operation and maintenance of these facilities is provided through additional Ministry funding. | Carried as amended |
| L24 | <del>Auditor General Review of Cost of Public Education</del>               | <del>Cowichan Valley Board of Education</del> | <del>That BCSTA ask the Auditor General to discuss with BCSTA the feasibility of publishing a report that will demonstrate the actual educational cost per student, pre-Kindergarten to Grade XII, in British Columbia.</del>  | Defeated           |
| L25 | Support for Board Advocacy for Funding                                      | Saanich Board of Education                    | That BCSTA AGM express support for elected trustees and boards of education who are advocating for additional funding for public education.  | Carried            |
| L26 | Consultation Before Governance Changes                                      | Saanich Board of Education                    | That government not impose changes to the existing composition of the locally elected boards of education without a public, comprehensive review of governance that involves BCSTA, trustees and the public.   | Carried            |
| L27 | Release of Special Advisor's Report   | Saanich Board of Education                    | That BCSTA request the Minister of Education to ensure that the report of the Special Advisor to the Vancouver Board of Education be released to the Vancouver Board of Education at the same time that the report is provided to the Minister, and subsequently to the public.  | Carried as Amended |

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| L28 | Ministry Meetings with Boards of Education | Kamloops/Thompson Board of Education | That BCSTA advocate on behalf of boards of education and BCSTA branches with the Ministry of Education to increase direct meetings with boards and branches allowing for adequate time for dialogue and questions. | <b>Unanimously</b><br>Carried |
| L29 | Publicly Funded School Bus Transportation  | Kamloops/Thompson Board of Education | That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education to review the transportation funding formula and fully fund public education transportation.  | Carried                       |