

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
MEETING INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

DATE: May 31, 2019
CLIFF: 211285

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister - **FOR INFORMATION**

SUBJECT: British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA)-Ministry of Education Joint Executive Meeting on Friday, May 31, 2019 from 12:00-1:30pm

PURPOSE: To discuss the joint working relationship and how to advance shared priorities and initiatives

BACKGROUND:

- BCSTA is a key Ministry partner. The Deputy Minister conducts monthly phone calls with the BCSTA President, Vice-President and CEO and Ministry Executive meet jointly with BCSTA Executive on a quarterly basis.
- The Ministry and BCSTA updated and signed a long-standing MOU in December 2018 that expires in 2023.
- The BCSTA recently held their AGM and Conference and despite elections for key positions, the 2018 BCSTA Board remains the same. However, there were some changes to roles and responsibilities as outlined below.
 - Stephanie Higginson (2018 Vice-President) was elected as the new President.
 - Carolyn Broady (2018 Director) was elected as the new Vice-President.
 - Gordon Swan (2018 President) now serves as the Past President.
- Topics on the Agenda for the May 31 Joint Executive Meeting include the Ministry-BCSTA working relationship, the Funding Model Review and the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (See Attachment 2).

DISCUSSION:

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Attachment(s)

1. BCSTA Board Membership and Bios
2. May 31 Joint Executive Agenda

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Date: May 28, 2019

APPENDIX 1

BCSTA Board Membership with Bios

President - Stephanie Higginson

Stephanie Higginson is a trustee in SD68 (Nanaimo/Ladysmith). Stephanie is excited to bring her love for public education and advocacy to the BCSTA Board of Directors as president.

Stephanie is a former high school teacher and educational researcher with a master's in educational studies focusing in social justice in education. Her areas of interest in education are vast and broad. They include, but are not limited to, governance structures that strengthen public education, equity in education, collaborative inquiry in teacher professional development and nature based education.

Stephanie and her family live outside of Nanaimo where they operate a small farm and maple syrup production business. Stephanie's passion for public education is deeply personal as she is mom to two school aged boys who are just beginning their educational journey in BC's public schools.

Vice-Pres - Carolyn Broady

Carolyn Broady is a second term trustee and current chair of the SD45 (West Vancouver) Board of Education. She has represented her board as a BCPSEA representative and provincial councillor, and has served on a number of BCSTA committees including the Professional Learning Committee (chair) and Legislative Committee. She is currently the vice-president of BCSTA.

A mother of two teenaged children, Carolyn is passionate about public education and believes that we need to continue to work to ensure that every student in our K-12 system gets the support and individualized attention they need to reach their full potential.

Director - Valerie Adrian

Anatwoqwees (Valerie Adrian) is a Xwisten (Bridge River Band) member from the St'at'imc Nation, in the southern interior. Her father is the late Victor Adrian from the Tsalalh Band. She also has ties to the Nuuchah-nulth Nation on Vancouver Island through her mother, Fidelia Haipyupis (nee Smith) of the Ahousaht First Nation (formerly from the Ehattesaht First Nation. Valerie is co-parent to seven adult children and grandparent to six children. She works in her community as the education coordinator and her responsibilities include: managing the early learning and education centre that houses a licenced daycare and an Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve program; administrative and counseling services for all students in both K-12 education and post-secondary education for community and band members. She also sits as a director on a St'at'imc Government Services Board and as a member of the Interior Savings Credit Union Community Investment & Member Relations Committee.

Valerie is in her twentieth year as a trustee for school district 74 (Gold Trail) whose Indigenous student enrollment is close to 60%. She currently sits as co-chair of the board. In the past, Valerie enjoyed sitting as a BCSTA director, a member of, and board liaison to, the BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee and board liaison to the BCSTA Finance & Audit Committee.

Education is a passion for Valerie and she believes that all students, given the proper education and high expectations, have the potential to graduate and succeed. She is a firm believer in public education and would not have wanted any of her children to graduate from any other system.

Director - Tim Bennett

Tim Bennett is a trustee in SD57 (Prince George) and is currently the board chair. Since being first elected in 2011, Tim has also taken on an active role with the Northern Interior Branch serving as the communications officer, branch president and past-president. He is the executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Prince George and spends each day ensuring British Columbia's students have the opportunities, both in and out of school, to reach their full potential.

Tim's passion is driven by a desire to build a stronger community and public education system for his two young boys.

Director - Mike Murray

Mike Murray is a two-term trustee with School District 42 (Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows) and has served as board chair since first being elected in 2011. He is a great believer in the significant benefits to be achieved for all of BC's students through the networking, collaboration and collective advocacy facilitated by the BCSTA.

Mike retired from his previous career as general manager of community development, parks and recreation for Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows in 2010 and has served as the president / director of numerous local, regional and provincial nonprofit boards since 1974.

Mike and his wife Nancy enjoy their four grandchildren who are just entering the public school system, are active participants as hosts and counsellors in the Rotary International Youth Exchange program and enjoy spending time at Timothy Lake in the Caribou region of BC.

Director - Donna Sargent

Donna Sargent has been a trustee with the SD38 (Richmond) for fifteen years and she is pleased to join the BCSTA Board of Directors for a fourth term. Donna is a strong believer in democratically-elected boards of education who are accountable to their community and who bring the voice of the community to the table. She believes public education is the key to everything.

Donna has been the co-chair of the BCSTA Election Engagement Committee, BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee Board liaison and an ELL Consortium member. She has been school district 38's chair and vice-chair, and has served on many committees. She is actively involved with the Metro Branch.



Agenda

BCSTA - Ministry of Education Joint Executive Meeting

Location: KPU Richmond Campus, Richmond, BC

Date / Time: May 31, 2019, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Chair Scott MacDonald Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education

Invited: Hon. Rob Fleming Minister, Ministry of Education
 Stephanie Higginson President, BCSTA
 Carolyn Broady Vice-President, BCSTA
 Tim Bennett Director, BCSTA
 Valerie Adrian Director, BCSTA
 Donna Sargent Director, BCSTA
 Mike Murray Director, BCSTA
 Mike Roberts Chief Executive Officer, BCSTA
 Keith Godin ADM, Governance and Analytics Division
 Nicola Lemmer ADM, Education Programs Division
 Jennifer McCrea ADM, Learning Division
 Trevor Paul Director, Corporate Communications

ITEM	TOPIC	LEAD	TIME
1	Opening Remarks and Welcome	Minister Rob Fleming	12:00 – 12:10 10min
2	BCSTA – Ministry Relationship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment of priorities and working together to achieve 	Scott MacDonald/ Stephanie Higginson	12:10 – 12:30 20min
3	Funding Model Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status Update 	Scott MacDonald	12:30-12:55 25min
5	Strategic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Update 	Lesley Ballman	12:55-1:20 25min
6	Closing	Scott MacDonald/ Stephanie Higginson	1:20-1:30 10min