

**Board of Education**  
**School District 54 (Bulkley Valley)**

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**TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**1.185**

**POLICY**

The Board offers the following opportunities for trustees:

- a) The Board will sponsor the following meetings/conferences for all trustees.
  - 1) BCSTA Trustee Academy held in the late Fall
  - 2) BCSTA Annual General Meeting and Conference held in the Spring
  - 3) North West Zone Branch meetings.
  
- b) The Board will provide a Pro-D account of \$1,500 for each Trustee at the beginning of the Trustee's 4-year term. Any Trustee doing a portion of a 4-year term will start with a proportionate amount in this account. This account is to be used at the professional discretion of the Trustee but must last for the 4-year term and no portion may be carried over to another term.

Each Trustee not attending a conference sponsored for all Trustees may ask another Trustee to collect/collate conference information and present it to the absent Trustee.

Each Trustee attending a Conference/Workshop not specifically listed above must prepare a report, as soon as is appropriate for the Board.

It is expected that Trustees will make every reasonable effort to attend both<sup>1</sup> BCSTA events during the first year of their term. In years 2 and 3, attendance at the BCSTA events is at the discretion of the individual Trustee but attendance at the AGM is strongly encouraged.

**VALUES**

In its consideration of this policy, the Board has been guided by the values of responsibility for prudent use of public funds and the responsibility to provide reasonable opportunities for trustee professional development.

This policy takes into consideration the Board's responsibilities to provide both professional opportunities for Trustees and accountability for public monies.

In order to operate and govern itself in a manner that models our values and strengthens relationships within our education community, Trustees must have opportunities for professional development.

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