



**AGENDA  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2018  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS, B.C.  
7:00PM**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Traditional Welcome / Opening Remarks
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2018  
Synopsis In-Camera Meeting – February 20, 2018
- 4) Learning - Self Regulation and Self Determination Inquiry in Grades 3 and 7 at Walnut Park
- 5) Administration Report C. van der Mark Report Attached
- 6) Committee Reports
  - a) Operations Committee L. Collingwood Report Attached
  - b) Policy Committee P. Michell Report Attached
  - c) Trustee Report F. Farrell Reports Attached
- 7) Unfinished Business
- 8) New Business
- 9) Other Business
  - 9.1) Expenditure Summary – February 28, 2018
- 10) Reading File

February 28, 2018 Enrolment Figures
Ltr. Frm. Canadian School Board Assoc. to Premier McNeil re: Local Board of Education
Ltr. Frm. Town of Osoyoos to Premier Horgan re: Release of Rural Education Report
Ltr. Frm. R. Fleming to BCSTA re: BCPSEA Board Governance
Ltr. Frm. BCPSEA to BCSTA re: Response to Jan 2018 Letter
Ltr. Frm. SD43 to L. Wallace & M. Comensoli re: Business Commsideration Response Ltr Nov 23, 2017
Ltr. Frm. SD46 to MOE re: Funding Model Review
Ltr. Frm. SD53 to Premier Horgan re: Release of Rural Education Report
Ltr. Frm. SD67 to BCSTA re: Release Rural Report
Ltr. Frm. SD67 to Premier Horgan re: Release Rural Review
Ltr. Frm. SD67 to Minister Fleming re: Release Rural Review Report

- 11) Closing Remarks - Next Board Meeting will be held on April 17, 2018 at the Moricetown Multi-Plex, in Moricetown B.C., commencing at 7:00 p.m.
- 12) Adjournment
- 13) Public Remarks\*\*

**NOTES:**

**Delegations:** This item is intended to provide an opportunity to members of the public to make a presentation to the Board. Individuals wishing to be included on the agenda must submit a written request to the Secretary Treasurer at least one week prior to the meeting stating the subject of their presentation and including any background information to be considered by the Board.

**\*\*Public Remarks:** Just a reminder to everyone that this portion of the meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for members of the public to make comments to the Board. Public remarks should be relevant to items on the approved agenda. The Board will listen respectfully to comments but not respond to questions during this time.



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS B.C.

**PRESENT:** Trustees: F. Farrell, J. Williams, L. Collingwood, B.J. Beaubien, D. Hanson, P. Michell, L. Kearns

Staff: C. van der Mark – Superintendent of Schools  
M. McDiarmid – Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer  
T. Bancroft – Director Facilities & Maintenance  
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

### 2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Williams acknowledged that we are gathered on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en – Bear Wolf Clan.
- Chairperson Williams reminded everyone that Pink shirt day is on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and requested that everyone please show their support for this important cause. Chairperson Williams spoke about how we don't think students pay attention to what is going on around them but it couldn't be further from the truth, things that our teachers are doing don't go unnoticed by the students. This was evidenced like week when Chairperson Williams heard two students talking about the extra teachers in the school that day. One of the students remarked to the other "It was collaboration day." The students *are* noticing what our teachers are doing in their facilities. Chairperson Williams finished by wishing the multiple students good luck that will be travelling to the BC Winter Games in Kamloops.

### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Farrell.*

*"That the agenda be accepted as presented."*

CARRIED

### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chairperson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of January 23, 2018 or the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of January 23, 2018. There being none, the minutes of January 23, 2018 and the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of January 23, 2018 were declared approved as presented.

### 5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the student achievement report to the Board. SD54 students travelled to Terrace once again this year to compete in the Skills Canada Competition. The students were very successful once again this year.
  - Hairdressing: Gold – Katrina Carroll
  - Hairdressing: Silver – Brooke Gillies
  - Hairdressing: Bronze – Jade Wiebe

- Culinary Arts: Gold – Travis Pete
- Welding: Gold: – Calvin Turko
- Automotive: Gold – Jimmy Evendon
- Automotive: Silver – Dylan Conlon

In the Post-Secondary Category 2017 SSS Grade 12s and current SSS Grade 13 students also did very well:

- Cody Kent – Gold - Welding
- Caden Forster – Silver - Welding

A special thanks was sent out to our trades' teachers – Mr. Courchesne, Mr. Hubert, Mr. Scorer, and our trades' coordinator Mr. DeBoer. Their efforts over the years has played a huge part in the success of these students.

The Big Band Dance was held last weekend and was once again a sensational evening of student excellence. The NWCC / HSS Millwright program has wrapped up for the year with a very high completion rate. Thank you to NWCC and their continued partnership.

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the district innovations and initiatives report to the Board. Teacher collaboration learning rounds took place Feb 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. The teachers were joined by Shelley Moore and Dr. Leyton Schnellert. Dr. Schnellert also provides a keynote address at the Della Herman Theatre on Thursday on "Engaging ALL Learners". The PLC/NOII group met on February 5<sup>th</sup> where they discussed "Creative Schools" by Sir Ken Robinson and "Visible Learning for Literacy" by John Hattie. The Changing Results 4 ALL Learners group held their second learning/sharing session in January. We are thrilled to have nearly every elementary classroom in the district represented in this work.
- Superintendent van der Mark presented the district and school based initiatives report to the Board. The early notice incentive program will take place again this year for teachers. This notice is valuable in order to better plan and meet out staffing requirements. The Elementary basketball tournament will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Satisfaction surveys will be taking place between now and April. MME wrapped up another successful week of Carnival last week. 31 SSS students participated in the snowboarding / skiing zones at Troll Mountain in Quesnel recently. The Boys ski team came in first. Liam Huxtable and Darcy Fraser were top 2 racers. The boys snowboard team came in second with Cole Pali finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Three female SSS students qualified for provincials as individuals, Sage Murphy for skiing, and Brianna Belsle and Kaitlyn Peterson for snowboarding. The teams were coached by Gary Forbes, Mike Daniels, and Alyson Garland. The team is now heading to provincials on March 4 at Sun Peaks. SSS students Georgia Anderson, Shaelyn Radu and Meghan Newberry who won the national Telus Anti – Bullying Campaign. Sr. girls won their Basketball zones – headed to Provincials in Langley. This campaign was to help raise awareness and end cyber-bullying. WPS students presented their "Not a Board" projects in January. The students demonstrated a remarkable array of projects that reflect their engagement in these types of hands on learning opportunities.

### Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trips was approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
  - **TES – 25 +/-** Grade 4-5 students from Telkwa Elementary School to travel up to Hudson Bay Mountain on March 6, 2018. The purpose of these trips is to support the PE curriculum and to promote healthy living. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **Guangdong China Exchange** – SD54 has been approached to participate in a student exchange program with Gunangdong school district. There are two other school districts in BC that will be participating in this exchange, namely SD27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) and SD91 (Nechako Lakes.) More information to follow in the coming months.

## Operations

- **Challenging Weather & Thank you** - We wish to thank parents and education partners for their flexibility under some challenging weather circumstances that we have been experiencing. It is always a difficult decision to cancel buses and never one taken lightly. Even though buses were cancelled, we are required to keep schools open and provide regular services and supervision for students who might still arrive. In exceptional circumstances school might also be cancelled but that usually is a result of safety issues at the school, not weather.
- **Projected Student Enrollment** - Projected student enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year has been submitted to the Ministry in order to receive preliminary funding in March. The draft budget for the 2018-2019 school year can then be prepared which will be submitted to the Ministry prior to June 30th, 2018. The enrollment projection as of February 15th estimate totaled 2011.0 FTE which is up 42.0 FTE (increase of 2.13%) from the 2017-2018 September submission of 1969.0 FTE. All schools expect to report an increase in population with the exception of Smithers Secondary and Walnut Park.
- **Rural Education Enhancement Fund** – The report was submitted to the Ministry on February 15<sup>th</sup>. This application requests that the Ministry fund the cost of running a school instead of the District having to close it.

### 6.a) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Operations Chairperson Kearns presented the Operations Committee's Report from the February 6th, 2018 committee meeting.
- **Board Meeting Agenda Addition** – The committee recommended that the Board approve the change in the Board meeting structure to allow for a learning portion to be added.

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Collingwood.**

*"That the Board approve the change in the Board meeting structure for a learning portion to be added."*

CARRIED

- **Smithers Library Request for Funding** – Last month the Board sent letter to the Smithers Library regarding their request for funding. The Director of the Smithers Library called Chairperson Williams to clarify any questions the Board had. This topic will be sent to the operations committee further to discussion around funding.
- Next Meeting Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 3:00pm.

### 6.b) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- Policy Vice Chairperson Farrell presented the Policy Committee's Report from the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 committee meeting.
- **School and District Facilities – Policy 10.100** - It was recommended by the Policy Committee that the Board approve the revised Policy 10.100 and the corresponding Administrative Procedures 10.100.

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Hanson.**

*"That the Board approve the revised School District Facilities Policy 10.100 and the corresponding Administrative Procedures as outlined."*

CARRIED

- **Facility Rentals – Policy 10.110** - It was recommended by the Policy Committee that the Board approve the deletion of Policy 10.110 Facility Rentals.

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Kearns.**

*"That the Board approve the deletion of Policy 10.110 – Facility Rentals."*

CARRIED

- **Standing Committee – Policy 1.150** - It was recommended by the Policy Committee that the Board approve the amendment of Policy 1.150 Standing Committee to include duty of district audit to be added to the Purpose and Scope Section.

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Hanson.**

*"That the Board approve the revised Policy 1.150 Standing Committee to include duty of district audit in the Purpose and Scope Section."*

CARRIED

- **Ordinarily Resident Policy** - It was recommended by the Policy Committee that the Board approve the draft Ordinarily Resident Policy.

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Kearns.**

*"That the Board approve the draft Ordinarily Resident Policy as outlined."*

CARRIED

- Next Meeting Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 5:00pm

#### **6.c) TRUSTEE REPORTS**

- Trustees Williams and Farrell submitted trustee reports this month.

#### **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7.1) 2017 – 2018 Amended Annual Budget** - Mr. Margerm provided a brief synopsis of the funding portion of the amended budget. The operations committee recommended that the Board proceed with the third reading of the 2017-2018 Draft Amended Budget Bylaw.

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Kearns.**

*"That the Board proceeds with the third reading for the 2017- 2018 Amended Budget Bylaw."*

CARRIED

**7.2) 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 School Calendars** - Mr. McDiarmid provided a brief summary of the feedback from stakeholders regarding the length of spring break. The Operations Committee recommended that the proposed 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 Draft School Calendars be approved.

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Michell.**

*"The Board approves 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 Draft School Calendars be approved as outlined."*

3 Opposed

4 For

CARRIED

- **7.3) 2017-2018 Calendar Amendment** – The committee recommended that the Board approve the addition of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as a non-instructional curricular day and amend June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to become the last day of classes.

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Hanson.**

*"That the amended 2017-2018 School Calendar be approved as outline."*

CARRIED

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- There was no new business this month.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 9.1) The January 31, 2018 expenditure summary was provided to the Trustees.

**10. READING FILE**

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Michell.**

*"That the information contained in the Trustee Reading File be received and filed."*

CARRIED

**11. CLOSING REMARKS**

- The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 commencing at 7:00 pm at the School Board Office in Smithers.

**12. ADJOURNED**

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

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Approved by Jennifer Williams, Chairperson  
of the Board of Education

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Dave Margerm  
Secretary Treasurer



SYNOPSIS  
OF  
IN-CAMERA MEETING  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #54 (Bulkley Valley)  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS B.C.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:04pm and the Board resolved to go in-camera.

- The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the In-Camera meeting minutes of January 23, 2018. There being none, the In-Camera meeting minutes of January 23, 2018 declared approved as presented by the Chairperson.
- Administration reported on routine staffing issues and a labour relation matters.
- The Operations Committee reported on a real property matter.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:34pm.

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## REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

to the  
Board of Education  
March 20, 2018

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### Student Achievement

- **X-Country Skiing** - A special thank you to Lisa Perry and the Nordic center for hosting more than 120 enthusiastic students from 6 schools. It looked like a great day was had by all and thank you for sharing the video! <http://www.bvnordic.ca/>
- **Strategic Work Plan** – The Board and senior staff have begun working on the framework for district planning for both now and into the future. Key areas of focus are:
  - Student Achievement
  - Finances
  - Facilities
  - Engagement
- **School Growth Conversations** – We have continued to visit schools to discuss progress on their school goals. Most recently, we were thrilled to hear from the Walnut Park staff as they shared their engagement and passion for the work they are doing to better meet the needs of their students. It was also encouraging to see practicum students getting to work and learn in such a collaborative environment.
- **Administrative Changes** – As mentioned in last week's press release, Ms. Kirsten Froese, Principal of Telkwa Elementary, will be taking on a new role as Vice-Principal of BVEC commencing August 1, 2018. BVEC is the district's expanding distributed learning program and we look forward to Ms. Froese leadership and guidance. We will be starting the process of hiring for Telkwa Elementary School in the near future.
- **District / Authority Scholarships** – SD54 has 21 District / Authority Scholarships to award this year. Presentations have been scheduled for the week of May 7-11th. If trustees can find the time, sitting on the panel is one of the most rewarding experiences that anyone involved in education can have. The presentations are great, and a real showcase of some of our most talented students.
- **Grade 5 Feast** – On March 21<sup>st</sup>, grade 5 students from across the district will gather to participate in the annual Learning Feast in Witset. The students participate in and learn about the clan system.

### Innovation / Initiatives

- **PLC/NOII** – Teacher from across the district will be meeting in April for their third session of the year where they will share their inquiry projects and discuss current trends in education.

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## District Based Initiatives

- **Elementary Basketball** – Once again, the District event was held in Houston with HSS providing their gym to facilitate all of the elementary players. Thanks to Mr. McAulay and Mr. Anderson for supporting this event.
- **Staffing** – Schools and district staff have begun working on potential staffing levels for the 2018-19 school year.

## School Based Initiatives

- **Anti – Bullying Day** - On Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, schools across the district participated in initiatives focused on bring awareness and an end to bullying.
- **SSS Drama** – SSS theatre and music program will be performing **Chicago** on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Della Herman Theatre. Get your tickets while you can! They will go quickly.
- **SSS Ski and Snowboarders** – The boy's and girl's teams competed at the provincial championships with all teams placing well, culminating in the Boy's Snowboarders bringing home the blue banner as Provincial Champs! Congrats to all the students and coaches.
- **SSS Sr. Girls Basketball** – The girls won the AA Northwest Zone and went to the BC's finishing with a 1 win and 3 loss record to land in 14<sup>th</sup> place.
- **SSS Curling** – The SSS curling team continued their strong record with another 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the BC's. Great job and thanks to Coach Lawrence Turney for coaching again this year.

## Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
  - **SIL** – 20 +/- Grade 6-7 students from Silverthorne Elementary School to travel to the Nass Valley (New Aiyansh) on June 19-21, 2018. The purpose of this trip is to support the student curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **SSS** – 20 +/- Grade 10-12 Outdoor Ed students from Smithers Secondary School travel to Haida Gwaii on May 6 to May 14, 2018. The purpose of this trip is to explore the west coast rainforest and learn about local First Nations culture. In addition, take in local outdoor recreation activities. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- The following field trips require approval by the Board of Education:
  - **TES** – 28 +/- Grade 6/7 Students from Telkwa Elementary to travel to Rock Nest Ranch on June 11 – 13, 2018. The purpose of this trip is for the Grade 6 / 7 year-end field trip, team building and celebration.
  - **MME** – 30 +/- Grade 7 Students from Muheim Memorial Elementary School to travel to the Bear Claw Lodge on June 18 – 11, 2018. The purpose of this trip is for the Grade 7 Outdoor Ed year-end field trip.

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- **SSS – 9 +/-** SSS Leadership Students in Grades 9-12 to travel to Edmonton to attend the Canadian Student Leadership Conference. The travel dates of the proposed trip are September 21 – 30, 2018. The purpose of this trip is to learn ways to develop positive school culture and spirit In addition participating in team building activities and learning about leadership career paths.

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## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING Regular

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

3:00 PM

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
L. Kearns, Chair D. Hanson  J. Williams (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets: L. Collingwood, Alternate	D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer

**Welcome:** *Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

### REPORT

**1. AQG Chinese Exchange Program Update**

Mr. McDiarmid informed the committee that Mr. Margerm will be travelling to the Guangdong region in China as a representative three school districts, SD54 (Bulkley Valley), SD91 (Nechako Lakes) and SD27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin). This trip is to sign a memorandum of understanding with Chinese 'sister districts' in order to organize international student exchanges. It is hopeful that this will promote international student exchanges or fee-based international students.

**2. 2018-2019 Trustee Stipend**

Stipends will increase on an annual basis based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for British Columbia as at December of each year unless the Board, by majority vote of those present at the annual March Board Meeting, resolve to not take the increase. The vote requires a 2/3 majority to decline the stipend increase. ***The committee recommends the trustees not receive a stipend increase as of July 1, 2018.***

**3. Unions salary increases**

McDiarmid updated the committee on unionized wage increases including economic stability dividend and general contractual wage increases for 2018.

Teachers: May 1 – ESD=0.4%, 1% general wage increase, 0.5% as of July 1

Support Staff: May 1 – ESD=0.4%, 1% general wage increase, 0.5% as of July 1

**4. Smithers Library Request for Funding Support**

***The committee recommends a \$5,000 grant to the Smithers Library for a Teen Program on a one-time basis.***

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**Date & Time of Next Meeting: 3 pm – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

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**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018                      5:00 PM                      School Board Office**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Administration</b>
P. Mitchell, Chair F. Farrell, Alternate B. Beaubien  J. Williams (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent
<b>Regrets:</b>	D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer

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## **REPORT**

**PREVIOUS MEETING OF February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Policy	Description	Type	Status	Consultation
10.100	School and District Facilities	New	Approved	Yes
10.110	Facility Rentals	Deletion	Approved	Yes
	Surplus Policy	New	In-committee	Yes
	Ordinarily Resident	New	Approved	No
	School Calendar	New	Approved	Yes
	Student Reporting	New	On-going	Yes
	International Travel	Revised	On-going	Yes
	Policy & AP Framework		On-going	Not required

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Revision

Policy	Description	Type	Status	Consultation
4.380	Diversity & Non-discrimination (Admin Procedure)	New	In-committee	Yes
	> Facility Washrooms & Change Rooms (BN-P-1)			
11.400	International Travel (BN-P-2)	New	In-committee	Yes
	Student Reporting	New	On-Going	Yes
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	Policy & AP Framework		On-going	Not required

Type:            New, Revision, Deletion  
Status:         In-committee, on-going, approved  
Consultation    Yes, Not required, Complete, Rejected

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1. **Diversity & Non-Discrimination – Facility Washrooms and Change Rooms**  
Important messaging to administrators. *Committee recommends that the Board adopt the draft language for the Administrative Procedures: SOGI Facility - Washrooms.*
  
2. **Travel – International**  
The Committee discussed the new draft language for international travel and suggested a few revisions to provide two (2) risk assessments (at time of application and two months prior to field trip). Policy should also include procedures for dealing with trip cancellation. *The committee recommends the Board adopt the proposed draft Policy 11.400 Travel-International language.*
  
3. **Student Reporting**  
Mr. McDiarmid advised the committee that the next step for developing student reporting policy is to engage teachers in discussions and prepare draft language.

**Date & Time of Next Meeting: 5 pm – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Type: New, Revision, Deletion  
Status: In-committee, on-going, approved  
Consultation: Yes, Not required, Complete, Rejected



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## **TRUSTEE REPORT BCSTA Provincial Council Meetings February 16-17, 2018**

On Friday Feb 16 and Saturday Feb 17 I attended both the BCSTA Finance committee meeting along with Feb. BCSTA Provincial Council meeting. Meetings were held at the SPF Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver.

On Friday I attended a luncheon meeting of the BCSTA Finance Committee where we examined the 2018-19 Budgets. The financial statement was tabled at the Saturday morning Provincial Council Business session.

In the evening of Friday February Session of the Provincial Council , Guest Speakers Reg Bawa , Assistant Deputy Minister and Kim Horne also from the ministry, gave a presentation of the history of the funding formula for Education in this province. Moreover, they gave an overview of the framework for the future funding formula for this province.

On Saturday, the morning session included committee reports, address from President Gordon Swan and CEO Mike Roberts. Discussion continued on with regards to the funding formula changes that were working through consultation.

There were six motions that were tabled to the floor of the Saturday morning business session. Areas including Funding Formula Review, Rural Education Enhancement Funding and Emergency Preparedness funding were voted on.

The afternoon session "Issues and Answers" session group of Provincial Councilors discussed what needs to be included in a future funding formula framework and what are the concerns with individual districts in the province. Certainly the feedback I heard was an eye-opener to the concerns that are shared by many districts in the province.

For more information contact [BCSTA.org](http://BCSTA.org) .

Respectfully submitted by:

Frank Farrell  
Trustee  
School District #54(Bulkley Valley)



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## **TRUSTEE REPORT SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) Committee Meeting February 27, 2018**

On Tuesday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Learner Support Centre, I attended the SOGI meeting delving into transgender policy for School District 54.

The meeting, facilitated by Principal for Learner Support Cathy Van der Mark, looked into policy for field trips and billeting, along with the concerns of international Students. Wording for the preceding topics was formulated and will be given to future Policy Committee Meeting for examination.

The next SOGI meeting is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by:

Frank Farrell  
Trustee  
School District #54(Bulkley Valley)