

BCSTA Trustee Representative Report



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Happy March!

1) Inclusive Education Working Group

- a. The Inclusive Education Working Group met at Provincial Council on February 21st and shared input from our Boards and staff. Of primary concern is tying into work of Inclusive Ed Committee while keeping focused on the mandate that AGM provided to us. We also discussed the provinces new Accessibility Framework and how that framework can be incorporated into working group efforts.
- b. Next steps: requesting more time and budget from BCSTA executive to meet in Vancouver with representatives from nonprofits involved in inclusive education. A list is being created of key stakeholders, including parent advocacy groups.

2) Presentation by Ministry of Education

- a. At Provincial Council we had presentation from Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education. I have provided trustees with hard copies of these PowerPoints. If members of the public would like to receive copies of these, please email the Ministry to request them.
- b. Of interest to Trustees, in Budget 2020 the Ministry of Education has cut it's operational budget by \$15m, or about 3% of additional funding over the 3 year fiscal plan.
- c. Capital funding over the next three years will be \$2.5 billion
- d. District funding has been increasing steadily since 2010, while the internal ministry budget has been decreasing, as a share of the overall budget.

3) Funding Model Review

- a. Part 1 – Implementation of 2 of 22 recommendations
 - i. Roll-out of accessibility framework
 - ii. Strengthen policy for indigenous education funding
 - iii. Supplement for children in care
 1. Not new money, will either come from a) LINK b) transportation or c) vulnerable

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- iv. Uphold course-based funding for adult and continuing education
 - v. Update financial planning and reporting policies
 - 1. Provincial policy for district reserves
 - 2. What are appropriate reserves?
 - b. Part 2 – Detailed policy and program development
 - i. Inclusive Education
 - ii. On-line learning
 - iii. Career Strategy
 - c. Spring 2020 – Finalized changes for 2020/21 implementation, finalize draft policies & procedures for sector feedback

4) AGM

- a. Ministry Panel – Ministers Fleming, Darcy, and Chen will be on a panel at the AGM.
 - i. Submit question to feedback@bcsta.org**
- b. AGM – Towards Common Vision
- c. Speakers
 - i. Michael Fullan (Ed Researcher and co-author of The Governance Core)
 - ii. Natalie Panek (Rocket scientist working with NASA)
 - iii. Ann Makosinski (Inventor and Forbes 30 under 30)
 - iv. Jesse Hirsh (Technology Strategist)

5) Director Term of Office

- a. No consensus on terms of office for directors, so an AGM motion will be submitted. Were recommendations on moving to two-year terms
 - i. I submitted my concerns about the Board submitting a dissenting view, as I was concerned it would put the finger on the scale for AGM members with regards to motion consideration

6) Motion on funding Model

- a. Brought by Cowichan Valley
- b. If funding model moves to headcount funding (as is assumed), that career and dual credit courses be funded in addition to the headcount
 - i. Pass by PC