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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jordan Watters, Board Chair

RE: Chair’s Report

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I hope everyone in our learning community had a safe and joyful Spring Break. Certainly a break was well deserved after the hard work and anxieties of the past few months. As the days grow longer and warmer, I hope spirits are also lifted.

Update on Activities

* February 26 – Agenda Setting
* March 1 – Education Policy and Directions
* March 2 – Superintendent Evaluation
* March 4 – Agenda Setting
* March 8 – Operations Policy and Planning
* March 9 – BCSTA Board Chair’s Call
* March 9 – Agenda Setting
* March 25 – BCSTA Board Chair’s AGM Training

Committee Work

I am continuing to serve on the BCSTA Student Citizenship Award Committee and our Policy Sub-Committee and I am just starting to review the 77 student essay submissions we have received for this award. The Policy Sub-Committee did not meet over the last month.

Professional Development

I have been working my way through some Canada Reads book selections and have been especially touched by Jesse Thistle’s memoir From the Ashes: My Story of Being Métis, Homeless, and Finding My Way. It is funny and heartbreaking a story of hope, resilience and resurgence.

I am also working my way through Michael Fullan’s book The Governance Core: Schools Boards, Superintendents and Schools Working Together. It also has a workbook that provides an active way to reflect on effective leadership and good governance practices. I look forward to continuing to work my way through these resources over the coming month!