

October 2021

SYNOPSIS

BCSTA Provincial Council Summary

This is a summary of the October 2021 Provincial Council (PC) meeting, which took place on Zoom. Draft minutes are available [here](#). Contact Suzanne Hoffman at shoffman@bcsta.org for more details.

President's Report

President Stephanie Higginson welcomed attendees, welcomed our new CEO, Suzanne Hoffman, and shared updates on COVID-19, BCSTA's election committee, the framework for enhanced student learning and vaccine mandates. Read the report [here](#).

CEO's Report

New CEO Suzanne Hoffman delivered her first report to Provincial Council. Read the report [here](#).

CSBA Report

Vice-President Carolyn Broady delivered a report on the activity of the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA), including the association's work on equity and inclusion, mental health, and a cross-country check in on the status of locally elected boards of education. Read her report [here](#).

Finance & Audit Committee Report

The committee presented two motions to the October 2021 Provincial Council; 8.1 BCSTA's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2021 and 8.2 BCSTA's Grant Status Report as of June 30, 2021. Both motions were carried. See the audited financial statements [here](#).

The committee also presented agenda item 8.3 2022/2023 BCSTA Budget Planning. The Finance & Audit Committee asked provincial councillors to have a discussion with their boards and provide feedback to assist with development of BCSTA's 2022/2023 draft budget. Feedback regarding the development of BCSTA's 2022/2023 budget can be forwarded to the Finance & Audit Committee by December 6, 2021. Send feedback to Elaine Teng at eteng@bcsta.org.

Legislative Committee Report

The committee examines motions submitted to PC. Ryan Painter delivered a verbal report to the council, which can be read [here](#).

IEC Report

Janet Fraser delivered the committee's report including an update on the IEC Knowledge Series resource, the committee workplan and call out questions for Trustee Academy. Download the report [here](#).

Professional Learning Committee Report

Leah Ward, PLC Chair, delivered the committee's report focusing on the committee's plans for Trustee Academy. Download the report [here](#).

Disposition of Motions

The following motions were carried by PC:

- 9.1 That BCSTA write a letter to all BC education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.
- 9.2 That BCSTA request that the Canadian School Board Association urge the Government of Canada to:
 1. a) declare the toxic drug supply crisis a national public health emergency,
 2. b) immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, Pan-Canadian overdose action planand advocate for expanded provincial, cross-ministry supports for our students around substance abuse.
- 9.3 That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education, Province of BC to increase the Annual Facilities Grants provided to School Districts.

Download the full disposition of motions [here](#).