

TRUSTEE ACADEMY 2013



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Successful trusteeship depends on establishing and nurturing key relationships with community members, local governments, administrative staff, other Boards and provincial political leaders. This year's Academy shines a spotlight on this aspect of Board business.

BCSTA

British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

WELCOME TO ACADEMY

Welcome to the **BC School Trustees Association's Trustee Academy 2013**.

We hope you enjoy your time learning and networking with fellow delegates. We have gathered some basic information to assist you at the event.

INTERNET

Delegates will have free wireless Internet access throughout the conference areas. Check the back of your name badge for the SSID and password.

DOWNLOAD ACADEMY 2013 MATERIALS

A digital copy of this pocket guide, as well as other concurrent workshop handouts are available for download at www.bcsta.org. Click on the event banner on the homepage.

CHARGING STATION

A charging station with adaptors for mobile devices and laptops is available in the Regency Ballroom.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We want delegates to connect with one another using social media. Keep your tweets relevant and searchable by using the hashtag #BCSTA and follow us on Twitter at @BC_STA.

NEWS MEDIA

If you have any questions about BCSTA media releases, or would like assistance with media inquiries to your Board regarding Academy 2013, contact BCSTA Director of Communication Sherri Moore-Arbour through the registration desk, or call her cellphone at (604) 842-1107.

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EMERGENCIES

Call 911.

If possible, please also notify the BCSTA registration desk.

ALLERGIES

Strongly-perfumed products may trigger allergy symptoms in some delegates. As a courtesy, please avoid the use of scented products.

LOST AND FOUND

Check with the BCSTA registration desk. Unclaimed items will be handed over to the Hyatt Regency Hotel front desk.

BULLETIN BOARD/MESSAGE CENTRE

A bulletin board is set up next to the registration desk. Check the bulletin board daily for messages for delegates and guests, and various sign-up lists.

If you have an item you wish to post on the bulletin board, please see the BCSTA staff at the registration desk.



SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 5

TIME & VENUE

11:30 a.m.

EVENT

Pre-Conference Registration

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Regency B

Pre-Conference Workshop 1
How to Manage Challenging Interpersonal Communication

Gordon White, MBA

Regency A

Pre-Conference Workshop 2

Being an Effective Board Chair

Eli Mina, M.Sc., P.R.P.

5:00 p.m.

Georgia A/B

Reception

Sponsored by: BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF)

5:00 p.m.

Regency Foyer

Trustee Academy Registration opens

7:00 p.m.

Regency C/D

Official Opening and Keynote Presentation

National Anthem Performance

Argyle Secondary Senior Vocal Ensemble

Keynote Presentation: Connecting With The Political Landscape

Vaughn Palmer

9:00 p.m.

Seymour/Grouse/Stanley
(34th fl.)

President's Reception and Networking

10:30 p.m.

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SCHEDULE

Friday, December 6

TIME & VENUE

7:30 a.m.

Regency A/B/C/D

8:30 a.m.

Regency A/B/C/D

10:00 a.m.

Regency Foyer

10:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Regency A/B/C/D

1:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

EVENT

Registration and Networking Breakfast

Full breakfast provided for delegates

Plenary Presentation

Connecting With Political Leaders: Enhancing The Co-Governance Relationship

Hon. Gordon Hogg, MLA

Carole James, MLA

Vaughn Palmer, Moderator

Refreshment Break

Concurrent Presentations

*See p. 11 for presentation list and room assignments.

Lunch

Full lunch provided for delegates

Concurrent Presentations

Repeat of morning sessions

Refreshment Break

Branch Meetings

Fraser Valley	Plaza C
Kootenay Boundary	Prince of Wales
Metropolitan	Plaza B
North West	Plaza A
Northern Interior	Georgia A
South Coast	Windsor
Thompson Okanagan	Georgia B
Vancouver Island	Regency E

TIME & VENUE

5:30 p.m.
Georgia A/B

EVENT**Reception**

Sponsored by: Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)

SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7

TIME & VENUE

7:30 a.m.
Plaza Ballroom

Registration and Breakfast

Full breakfast provided for delegates

8:30 a.m.
Regency A/B/C/D

World Café Discussion Forum**Connecting With One Another**

Phil Cady, Moderator

12:00 p.m.
Plaza Ballroom

Lunch

Full lunch provided for delegates

1:15 p.m.
Regency A/B/C/D

Closing Plenary**Connecting With Aboriginal Students and Youth**

Dr. Martin Brokenleg, EdD

3:00 p.m.

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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Thursday, December 5, 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

WORKSHOP A: HOW TO MANAGE CHALLENGING INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

Gordon White, MBA

Venue: Regency B

Gordon White is a mediator in private practice, who teaches at the Justice Institute and Royal Roads University. In addition to mediation he provides services such as team development and executive coaching to a variety of sectors including education, health care, and Government.

In this interactive afternoon workshop you will learn skills that will empower you to be more effective during difficult interactions. You will learn how to be prepared, how to contain a dialogue that is going off track, how to respond to disrespect or pushiness, and how to make progress when you feel thrown off balance. You will also examine enduring conflicts and how to develop stamina so that you gain more benefits from the ongoing differences.

WORKSHOP B: BEING AN EFFECTIVE BOARD CHAIR

Eli Mina, M.Sc., P.R.P.

Venue: Regency A

Eli Mina, M.Sc., P.R.P., is a Vancouver-based Board Effectiveness Consultant and Registered Parliamentarian. Since 1984, Eli has advised his clients on achieving quality decisions, chairing contentious meetings, preventing and dealing with disputes and dysfunctions, demystifying the rules of order, and minute taking standards. Eli's clients come from School Boards, municipal government, First Nations, credit unions, and the non-profit sector.

A Board Chair's critical role is to lead the Board to achieve quality decisions, in a democratic and efficient manner. This half day pre-conference workshop will help you become an effective Board Chair, earning the respect of other Trustees, the Administration, and the Public. You'll identify good habits that should be embraced and bad habits that should be abandoned. Lastly, you'll learn to plan and run productive meetings.



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 P.M.

CONNECTING WITH POLITICAL LEADERS: ENHANCING THE CO-GOVERNANCE RELATIONSHIP

Vaughn Palmer

Venue: Regency C/D

Vaughn Palmer's hard-hitting columns have seen him cover the feats and follies of British Columbia's premiers for more than 25 years.

An award winning journalist, Palmer is the Vancouver Sun's provincial political columnist, a legislative correspondent for Global Television and host of the weekly program Voice of BC on Shaw TV and a regular commentator on a radio station CKNW in Vancouver and on station KUOW in Seattle.

Mixing wit and humour with insight his talk is an up-to-the-minute analysis of the current state of affairs in our political scene, particularly as it relates to the public education portfolio.

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PLENARY PRESENTATION

Friday, December 6, 8:30 A.M.

CONNECTING WITH POLITICAL LEADERS: ENHANCING THE CO-GOVERNANCE RELATIONSHIP

Hon. Gordon Hogg, MLA

Carole James, MLA

Vaughn Palmer, Moderator

Venue: Regency A/B/C/D

Hon. Gordon Hogg was first elected to represent the riding of Surrey-White Rock in a 1997 by-election. He was re-elected in 2001, 2005, 2009, and again in 2013. During his time as an MLA, he has held several Cabinet positions including Minister of Children and Family Development. He is currently a member of the Select Standing Committees on Aboriginal Affairs and Education.

Carole James was elected MLA for Victoria-Beacon Hill in 2005 and served as Leader of the Official Opposition in our province for seven years. She is honoured to serve the people of the community she grew up in, raised her children in, and continues to live in. Carole served as trustee on the Greater Victoria School Board from 1990 to 2001 and as President of the B.C. School Trustees Association for an unprecedented five terms, commencing in 1995.

In this session, moderator Vaughn Palmer will engage these two Provincial political leaders in a wide ranging discussion of public education, including how Boards of Education can enhance their relationships and influence with other levels of government.

CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS

Friday, December 6, 10:30 A.M. w/ a repeat session at 1:30 P.M.

CONNECTING WITH PARENTS

Terry Berting, *President, BCCPAC*

Nicole Makohoniuk, *Second Vice-President, BCCPAC*

Venue: Plaza A (Second Floor)

Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils provide opportunities for trustees and school personnel to maintain contact with students and their families. Attend this session to learn more about nurturing these relationships.

CONNECTING WITH MINISTRIES

Larry Espe, *Superintendent of Trades and Student Transitions, BC Ministry of Education*

Venue: Plaza C (Second Floor)

More than 1,000,000 new trades and skilled professional jobs will be created in BC over the next several years. Larry Espe, Superintendent of Trades and Student Transitions, is helping prepare students for this bright future. Learn more about working with the Ministry of Education on this key priority during this session.

CONNECTING WITH THE ELL COMMUNITY: MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

Heather Hart, *Assistant Superintendent*

Catherine Humphries, *Program Consultant, English Language Learners, Burnaby School District*

Dr. Margaret Early, *Associate Professor, Department of Language and Literacy, University of British Columbia*

Helen Erickson, *English/ELL teacher, Byrne Creek Secondary School*

Jennifer Lim, *ELL parent, Richmond Secondary School*

Kathy Lin, *ELL Student, West Vancouver Secondary School (morning session)*

John Yang, *ELL Student, West Vancouver Secondary School (afternoon session)*

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Friday, December 6, 10:30 A.M. w/ a repeat session at 1:30 P.M.

CONNECTING WITH STUDENT LEADERS

Rob Schindel, Director of Instruction, Vancouver School District

Gunvit Bhatia, Student, David Thompson Secondary

Chansey Chiang, Student, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary

Titus Chow, Student, David Thompson Secondary

Zoe Jackson, Student, Vancouver Technical Secondary

Nick Milum, Student, Eric Hamber Secondary

Venue: Georgia A (Second Floor)

This inspiring student led presentation will discuss the important role that student forums, student district council and student trustees can play in capturing student voice in your school district. Student leaders from the Vancouver School District will provide background and context on student voice in their school district as well as discuss strategies used to amplify student voice, student engagement and student action at the school and district level.

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS PANEL

Laura Dixon, Trustee, Delta

Jamie Brennan, Trustee, Nanaimo

Rick Price, Trustee, Sea to Sky

Linda Van Alphen, Trustee, Okanagan Skaha

Venue: Georgia B (Second Floor)

Over the past few years many districts have been able to work cooperatively with local municipal governments in the interest of student achievement. In this session, four districts will report on the unique relationships they have been able to establish the benefits of these programs.

CONNECTING WITH THE NEW CURRICULUM

Rod Allen, Superintendent of Learning & Achievement, BC Ministry of Education

Venue: Prince of Wales (Third Floor)

In conjunction with the BC Education Plan, Ministry and school district staff are working hard at revising and implementing new curricula that are consistent with the principles of the Plan. In this session, Rod Allen will report on progress to date and plans for the near future.

WORLD CAFÉ DISCUSSION FORUM

Saturday, December 7, 8:30 A.M.

CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

Phil Cady, Moderator

Venue: Regency A/B/C/D

This lively discussion session will allow you and your colleagues to exchange ideas regarding a number of key topic areas: aboriginal students, student health, post-secondary education, municipal government, parents and families and social services. Guest hosts from government, education and partner groups will contribute to the conversations. Summary reports may include recommendations for further work or action by BCSTA members.

Phil Cady is a founding partner of the LEADS Learning scholar practitioner network and president of Cognitive Leadership Strategies West Inc. Phil is a faculty member in the Master of Arts in Leadership at Royal Roads University where he also sits as an elected member of the University's Board of Governors.

CLOSING PLENARY

Saturday, December 7, 1:15 P.M.

CONNECTING WITH ABORIGINAL STUDENTS AND YOUTH

Dr. Martin Brokenleg, EdD

Venue: Regency A/B/C/D

Dr. Martin Brokenleg, co-founder of the Circle of Courage, consults worldwide for Reclaiming Youth International. He holds a doctorate in psychology and is a graduate of the Episcopal Divinity School. He is an Emeritus Professor and was most recently Director of Native Ministries and Professor of Native American Theology and Ministries at the Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, British Columbia. He is the father of three children and an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe practicing the culture of his Lakota people.

His background and experience make him uniquely qualified to address the topic Connecting With Aboriginal Students and Youth. Improving the success of our Aboriginal students is a priority in many of BC's school districts. Dr. Brokenleg will provide insights and suggestions that will help trustees address this key educational matter.

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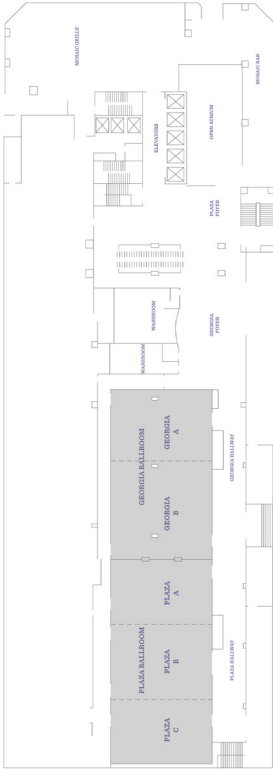
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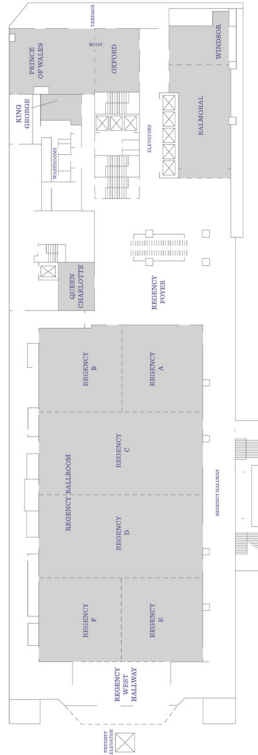
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