

An aerial photograph of a coastline. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, contrasting with the dark blue of the open sea. The land is a mix of grey, rocky terrain and patches of green vegetation. The overall scene is captured from a high angle, looking down at the coast.

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
11:30 A.M. Britannia Ballroom North Foyer	REGISTRATION OPENS
1:00-2:00 P.M. Elmbridge	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 1 The Office of the Ombudsperson: BC's Independent Voice for Fairness <i>Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson</i> *Registration fee applies
2:00-3:00 Elmbridge	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 2 Legal Issues Related to Board of Education Meetings <i>Audrey Ackah, Legal Counsel, BCSTA</i> *Registration fee applies
3:00-4:00 Elmbridge	PRE-AGM WORKSHOP Helpful Hints and Procedures for Chairing Effective Meetings <i>John Noonan, Professional Registered</i> <i>Parliamentarian</i> *No registration fee
4:00-5:00 Elmbridge	NETWORKING SESSION (INVITATION ONLY) Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs with BCSTA Board of Directors

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

TIME / VENUE

EVENT

7:00-7:35 P.M.

Britannia
Ballroom A/B

AGM 2017 OFFICIAL OPENING

Opening Ceremonies

O Canada, McNair Secondary School
Choral Ensemble

Welcome, Shane Pointe, *Member of the
Musqueam Indian Band and Coast
Salish Nation*

Welcome Address

Teresa Rezanoff, *President, BCSTA*

7:35-7:45

Britannia
Ballroom A/B

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7:45-8:45

Britannia
Ballroom A/B

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

**Perspectives on BC Politics and
Education to Ensure that "Public
Education is the Key"**

Andrew Coyne, *Columnist, National Post
and former Editor, Maclean's Magazine*

9:00

Britannia
Ballroom C

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

TIME / VENUE

EVENT

7:15 A.M.

Britannia
Ballroom,
North Foyer

REGISTRATION RE-OPENS

7:30-9:00

BRANCH BREAKFAST MEETINGS

(Full breakfast provided for delegates)

- Fraser Valley (Steveston D)
- Metropolitan Branch (Minoru B)
- Northern Interior (Minoru D)
- Thompson Okanagan (Minoru C)
- Vancouver Island (Minoru A)
- Kootenay Boundary (Richmond B)
- North West (Cedarbridge)
- South Coast (Steveston F)

9:15-9:30

Britannia
Ballroom

DAY 2 OPENING REMARKS

Teresa Rezansoff, *President*, BCSTA

9:30-10:30

Britannia
Ballroom

PLENARY 1

**Aboriginal Education in BC: Where To
From Here?**

Don Avison, *Counsel*, Avison & Associates

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
10:30-11:30 Britannia Ballroom	PLENARY 2 “Public Education is the Key”: Provincial Election Forum on Education Moderated by: Maria LeRose Jonina Campbell, BC Green Party Rob Fleming, BC New Democratic Party Don McRae, BC Liberal Party
11:30-12:00 P.M. Britannia Ballroom	CELEBRATE PUBLIC EDUCATION Student Traditional Dance Presentation Kwakwaka'wakw Dancers
12:00-1:00 Britannia Ballroom	LUNCH <i>(Lunch provided for delegates)</i>
1:00-2:00	CONCURRENT SESSIONS <i>(See page 11 for session descriptions and locations)</i>
2:00-2:30 Minoru Foyer	REFRESHMENT BREAK
2:30-3:30	CONCURRENT SESSIONS (REPEAT) <i>(See page 11 for session descriptions and locations.)</i>
3:45-5:00 Britannia Ballroom	BCSTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' CANDIDATES FORUM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
7:15 A.M. Britannia Ballroom, North Foyer	REGISTRATION RE-OPENS
7:30-8:15 Minoru A/B/C	BREAKFAST <i>(Full breakfast provided for delegates)</i>
8:30-12:00 P.M. Britannia Ballroom	AGM BUSINESS SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCSTA Committee Introductions• Candidate Speeches• Legislative Committee Report• Election: BCSTA Board of Directors• Debate: Substantive Motions• Debate: Extraordinary Motions• Inauguration of 2017-18 BCSTA Board of Directors
12:00-1:15 Minoru A/B/C	LUNCH <i>(Lunch provided for delegates)</i> Sponsored by: Harris & Company LLP
1:15-5:00 Britannia Ballroom	AGM BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued Debate: Substantive Motions• Debate: Late Motions
5:00	ADJOURNMENT or RECESS TO SUNDAY <i>(Pending completion of motion debates)</i>

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
BEFORE 8:30 A.M.	BREAKFAST <i>(Delegates on their own for breakfast)</i>
8:30 Britannia Ballroom	AGM BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES <i>(If motion debates are not completed on Saturday)</i>
8:45 OR LATER Richmond A/B	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL <i>(Following AGM Business Session Adjournment)</i>
12:00 P.M.	ADJOURNMENT

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 1 (FEE APPLIES)

THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON: BC'S INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR FAIRNESS

Thursday, April 20 / 1:00-2:00 p.m. / Venue: Elmbridge

Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson

With nearly 40 years of experience investigating and resolving complaints, the B.C. Office of the Ombudsperson is an important resource, both for citizens with concerns and for public authorities dedicated to continuous improvement. At the school district level, ombudsperson staff find that regular, proactive attention to fairness means the voices of young people and their parents are heard before decisions are made, school district staff understand and fairly administer the *School Act*, policies are clear and consistent and information is communicated effectively.

This presentation will cover:

- Tips for ensuring procedures are fair
- Appeal and suspension processes
- Section 177 of the *School Act*
- Public consultation and school closures
- Residency for the purposes of enrolment

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 2 (FEE APPLIES)

LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Thursday, April 20 / 2:00-3:00 p.m. / Venue: Elmbridge

Audrey Ackah, *Legal Counsel*, BCSTA

What is a meeting? When can a board of education meet in camera? What happens if a trustee misses board meetings? This session will address these and other legal questions related to board meetings which BCSTA members frequently ask BCSTA Legal Counsel.

PRE-AGM WORKSHOP

HELPFUL HINTS AND PROCEDURES FOR CHAIRING EFFECTIVE MEETINGS

Thursday, April 20 / 3:00-4:00 p.m. / Venue: Elmbridge

John Noonan, *Professional Registered Parliamentarian*

Process and people combine to make effective school board and committee meetings. In this hands-on seminar you will walk through the process of organizing, leading and participating in these meetings. By the end of this module, you will have a clear knowledge of meeting procedures and possess the confidence to be a full participant in all board and committee decisions.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

PERSPECTIVES ON BC POLITICS AND EDUCATION TO ENSURE THAT “PUBLIC EDUCATION IS THE KEY”

Thursday, April 20 / 7:45-8:45 p.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom A/B

Andrew Coyne, *Columnist, National Post* and former *Editor, Maclean's Magazine*

Andrew Coyne translates the new energy and cross-country insight of his column at the *National Post* into this dynamic talk, commenting and bringing clarity to the social, political, media and economic issues shaping the country and relating these factors to politics and public education in British Columbia today.

PLENARY 1

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION IN BC: WHERE TO FROM HERE?

Friday, April 21 / 9:30-10:30 a.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom

Don Avison, *Counsel, Avison and Associates*

Don Avison will speak to the importance of increasing Aboriginal student success, the various calls for reform from the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples to the 2015 Report of the Auditor General of British Columbia. Avison will provide his thoughts on some of the key objectives that might guide the work of governments at both the federal and provincial levels, school boards, post-secondary institutions, and First Nations and Metis leadership.

PLENARY 2

PUBLIC EDUCATION IS THE KEY: PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS FORUM ON EDUCATION

Friday, April 21 / 10:30-11:30 a.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom

Moderated by: **Maria LeRose**, *Television Host/Interviewer* and
Live Events Moderator

Jonina Campbell, BC Green Party

Rob Fleming, BC New Democratic Party

Don McRae, BC Liberal Party

BCSTA's election campaign "Public Education is the Key" continues with an all-candidates forum featuring representatives from the BC Green Party, BC Liberal Party and BC NDP. Candidates will be answering questions submitted by BCSTA members about important issues surrounding public education in British Columbia.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

C1a: ENHANCING SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Friday, April 21 / 1:00-2:00 p.m. / Will not repeat at 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Venue: Minoru A

George Farkas, *Assistant Deputy Minister*, Resource
Management and Corporate Services Division,
Ministry of Education

Ian Aaron, *Director*, School District Financial Reporting Unit,
Ministry of Education

Over the past several years there has been a growing interest in financial governance and accountability of school districts. With recent auditor reviews and special advisor reports recommending strengthening the financial accountability framework of school districts, the Ministry of Education has developed good practice guidance materials in partnership with the Financial Health Working Group. This group includes

membership from the Ministry, BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA), BC Association of School Business Officials (BCASBO), the Office of the Auditor General and the Office of the Comptroller General of BC.

Together, we are building on an already solid base of financial accountability exhibited by the K-12 public sector. This work supports leadership development in the sector, and the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

These financial governance and accountability documents support boards of education in the work they do as governors of our education sector.

C1b: BOARD PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

Friday, April 21 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Venue: Minoru A

Shirley Wilson, *Chair*, Abbotsford School Board

Mike Roberts, *CEO*, BC School Trustees Association

Lynn Green, *Acting Director, Education Services*, BC School Trustees Association

BCSTA offers a Board Performance Review (BPR) process to member boards which includes board self-assessment through the identification of strengths, areas for growth and issues that the board should address, as well as the development of an action plan designed to address these issues.

During this concurrent session participants will learn about the rationale and purposes of a BPR, optional ways to conduct a review and the use of board self-assessment questionnaires which can be administered to trustees and others participating in the BPR.

C2: EQUITY IN ACTION: A FRAMEWORK FOR GREATER SUCCESS

Friday, April 21 / 1:00-2:00 p.m. / Repeats at 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Venue: Minoru B

Kaleb Child, *Field Liaison*, Aboriginal Education,
Ministry of Education

Scott Benwell, *Field Liaison*, Aboriginal Education,
Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education is currently embarking on some new directions to positively impact student achievement in collaboration with school districts and other stakeholders. This workshop will overview the framework of an 'Equity Scanning Tool' to be implemented to review practices and policies that may be creating obstacles for Aboriginal learners in the educational system.

Collaborative decision-making across the school district and community level will be central to increasing student achievement. This project defines a process for school districts to enter into a genuine and meaningful assessment dialogue about the experience of education for Aboriginal learners and to respond in strategic ways to create conditions for success. This session will allow participants to interact with the equity scan framework and to exchange ideas with co-participants on how they can apply concepts and actions in their schools and communities.

C3: DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD BY PROMOTING MENTAL WELL-BEING IN SCHOOLS

Friday, April 21 / 1:00-2:00 p.m. / Repeats at 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Venue: Minoru C

Mali Bain, *BC Provincial Lead*, WellAhead, J.W. McConnell
Family Foundation

Maureen Dockendorf, *BC Superintendent*, Early Years,
Ministry of Education

Kathy Cassels, *CEO*, Directorate of School Health BC

Child and youth mental well-being is a priority for districts across the province. In this session, we will identify ways that trustees can:

- Advocate for addressing and integrating well-being at the district level
- Articulate the evidence for, and value of, social and emotional well-being as part of supporting a whole child approach
- Connect efforts within their districts with the breadth of social and emotional well-being work happening in BC schools
- Support strategies that broaden the lens beyond program dissemination to the importance of an integrated learning environment that values well-being.

Join this session to explore the research and identify concrete ways to support whole-child education and mental well-being in your district.

C4: RETHINKING DRUG EDUCATION AND DRUG POLICY

Friday, April 21 / 1:00-2:00 p.m. / Repeats at 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Venue: Cedarbridge

Dan Reist, *Assistant Director*, Knowledge Exchange, Centre for Addictions Research of BC, University of Victoria

Is drug education a choice between instilling fear or teaching facts? Does school drug policy have to choose between punitive or permissive? Happily, the answer to both questions is no.

This interactive workshop will explore how drug policy and drug education can help schools develop resilience and a positive school ethos. Together we will:

- Consider the evidence base for more promising approaches to addressing substance use in schools
- Explore a proactive process for the development of school drug policy as part of a comprehensive healthy schools approach

- Share practical tips and resources for supporting school boards, parents, teachers and other school-based professionals in implementing this approach.

C5: DEVELOPING HIGH PERFORMING GOVERNANCE TEAMS

Friday, April 21 / 1:00-2:00 p.m. / Repeats at 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Venue: Minoru D

Stacey Holloway, *Senior Consultant*, Holloway Group

A team is more than a group of people who work together. A high performing team is a group of people who share a common vision, goals, metrics and who collaborate, challenge and hold each other accountable to achieve outstanding results. It is no secret that one of the attributes of a high performing school district is to have a highly functioning board/superintendent governance team. Their teamwork, fostered by a clear understanding of roles, responsibilities, effective relationships, communication strategies, evaluation techniques and strategic planning can significantly increase the likelihood of increasing student achievement and preparing students to succeed in the global economy.

Stacey Holloway will discuss high performance teamwork and the common characteristics that are recognized to lead to success.

PLEASE NOTE:

Some delegates are sensitive to scented products. Please abstain from using scented products and perfumes while attending the AGM.