

**BCSTA**

British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association

November 23-25, 2017  
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

**TRUSTEE**  
**ACADEMY**

**EDUCATION EVOLUTION**  
**STUDENT-CENTRED GOVERNANCE**



## **WI-FI INFORMATION**

Network: **Sheraton Conference**

Password: **bcsta17**

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# PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017

## TIME / VENUE

## EVENT

**1:00 P.M.**

Lobby Foyer

**REGISTRATION OPENS**

**2:00-3:30**

Elmbridge

**PRE-CONFERENCE PRESENTATION**

**Child and Youth Mental Health in BC:  
New Policy Opportunities**

*Charlotte Waddell, Professor and Canada  
Research Chair in Children's Health  
Policy, Simon Fraser University*

\*Registration fee applies

**7:00-7:15**

Britannia  
Ballroom A/B

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

**Opening Ceremonies**

*O Canada, Abigail Henick, Student, David  
Thompson Secondary School,  
SD39 (Vancouver)*

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

**Welcome Address**

*Gordon Swan, President, BCSTA*

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**7:15-8:45 P.M.**

Britannia  
Ballroom A/B

### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

#### **Authentic Student Voice Informing Decisions**

**Moderator:** Maria LeRose, *Television Presenter and Interviewer*

**Teacher Support:** Kyle McKillop, *Teacher and Writing Club Sponsor*, L. A. Matheson Secondary School, SD36 (Surrey)

**Panel and Support Team:** Students from L. A. Matheson Secondary School, SD36 (Surrey)

**Panelists:** Charlene Aviles, Samantha Czulinski, Prabhjot Bhathal, Zainab Osman, Gunreet Sethi, Harman Shergill, Lubna Younes

**Support Team:** Harpreet Bamra, Arzun Bassi, Jasleen Dodd, Jaspreet Dodd, Gurleen Gill, Sakisha Koonar, Gurnaz Lally, Missy Leander, Jessy Sidhu

**9:00**

Britannia  
Ballroom C

### PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017

<b>TIME / VENUE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>7:30 A.M.</b> Lobby Foyer	<b>REGISTRATION RE-OPENS</b>
<b>7:30-8:15</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>BREAKFAST</b> <i>(Full breakfast provided for delegates)</i>
<b>8:30-8:45</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>DAY 2 OPENING REMARKS</b> Gordon Swan, <i>President, BCSTA</i>
<b>8:45-9:45</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>PLENARY 1</b> <b>One Story of Two-Eyed Seeing</b> Dr. Evan Adams, <i>Chief Medical Officer,</i> First Nations Health Authority
<b>9:45-10:05</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:05-10:40</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>PLENARY 2</b> <b>Ministry of Education Curriculum Update</b> Scott MacDonald, <i>Deputy Minister,</i> Ministry of Education
<b>10:40-11:40</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>PLENARY 3</b> <b>Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: How to Support Students</b> Ivan Coyote, <i>Author and Filmmaker</i>

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017

<b>TIME / VENUE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>11:40 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>GREETINGS</b> <b>Greetings from the Ministry of Education</b> Hon. Rob Fleming, <i>Minister of Education</i>
<b>12:00-1:00</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>LUNCH</b> <i>(Lunch provided for delegates)</i>
<b>1:00-2:15</b>	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> <i>(See page 9 for workshop descriptions and locations)</i>
<b>2:15-2:45</b> Minoru Foyer	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>2:45-4:00</b>	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS (REPEAT)</b> <i>(See page 9 for session descriptions and locations.)</i>
<b>7:30-10:00</b> Cedarbridge	<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> Hosted by: The Aboriginal Education Committee

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

### TIME / VENUE

### EVENT

**7:15 A.M.**

Lobby Foyer

**REGISTRATION RE-OPENS**

**7:30-9:30**

**BRANCH BREAKFAST MEETINGS**

*(Full breakfast provided for delegates)*

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

**9:30-9:45**

Britannia  
Ballroom

**BREAK**

**9:45-11:00**

Britannia  
Ballroom

**PLENARY 4**

**An Unprecedented Year in BC Politics**

Vaughn Palmer, *Provincial Political  
Columnist*, The Vancouver Sun

**11:00-11:45**

Britannia  
Ballroom

**PLENARY 5**

**An Introduction to the BCSTA *Trustee  
Learning Guide***

Carolyn Broady, *Chair*, Trustee Learning  
Guide Working Group  
Mike Roberts, *CEO*, BCSTA

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

<b>TIME / VENUE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>11:45-12:00 P.M.</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>BCLTA LOU SIGNING</b> <b>Signing of the Letter of Understanding between BCSTA and the BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA)</b> Gordon Swan, <i>President</i> , BCSTA Jerrilyn Schembri, <i>President</i> , BC Library Trustees Association
<b>12:00-1:00</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>LUNCH</b> <i>(Lunch provided for delegates)</i>
<b>1:00-2:30</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>PLENARY 6</b> <b>Educating Healthy, Happy and Self- Motivated Students</b> Dr. Shimi Kang, <i>Medical Director of Child and Youth Mental Health and Clinical Associate Professor</i> , University of British Columbia; <i>Author</i> , <i>The Self-Motivated Kid</i> and <i>The Dolphin Parent: A Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy, and Self- Motivated Kids</i>
<b>2:30-2:45</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>
<b>2:45</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>BOOK SIGNING WITH DR. SHIMI KANG</b>



## **PRE-CONFERENCE PRESENTATION (FEE APPLIES)**

### **CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN BC:**

#### **NEW POLICY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Thursday, November 23 / 2:00-3:30 p.m. / Venue: Elmbridge**

Charlotte Waddell, *Professor and Canada Research Chair in Children's Health Policy, Simon Fraser University*

This talk will describe the mental health problems that can typically occur in school-age children, and will outline effective approaches to preventing and treating these problems.

## **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

### **AUTHENTIC STUDENT VOICE INFORMING DECISIONS**

**Thursday, November 23 / 7:15-8:45 p.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom A/B**

**Moderator:** Maria LeRose, *Television Presenter and Interviewer*

**Teacher Support:** Kyle McKillop, *Teacher and Writing Club Sponsor, L. A. Matheson Secondary School, SD36 (Surrey)*

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The Trustee Academy opening keynote will be a discussion by a panel of Grade 10-12 students from L. A. Matheson Secondary in the Surrey School District on the importance of student input in decision-making. The panel will be led by Maria LeRose, an award-winning television producer and interviewer, and producer of educational videos. Maria and the students have been preparing for this panel for some time now with weekly workshops and meetings with school trustees. The students feel honoured and excited to share their discoveries and ideas.

## PLENARY 1

### ONE STORY OF TWO-EYED SEEING

Friday, November 24 / 8:45-9:45 a.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom

Dr. Evan Adams, *Chief Medical Officer*, First Nations Health Authority

Dr. Evan Adams will describe growing up with the dichotomy of Indigenous knowledges and Western knowledges – but in balance – and extrapolate it to a vibrant and holistic vision of health, healthy families and communities, and healthy elders. Dr. Adams' education has been excellent, with many contributors and ideas that link up into a uniquely Canadian viewpoint that straddles Indigenous and Western realities, and the arts and sciences. In this presentation, Dr. Adams will explain the concept of "Two-Eyed Seeing," discuss perspectives in Indigenous holistic health and describe actions to re-frame and support Indigenous health.

## PLENARY 2

### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM UPDATE

Friday, November 24 / 10:15-10:45 a.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom

Scott MacDonald, *Deputy Minister*, Ministry of Education

Deputy Minister Scott MacDonald will update trustees on the current state of education in BC and plans for curriculum initiatives in the province.

## PLENARY 3

### **SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY: HOW TO SUPPORT STUDENTS**

Friday, November 24 / 10:45-11:45 a.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom

Ivan Coyote, *Author and Filmmaker*

Ivan Coyote is a prominent LGBTQ advocate, author of eleven books, the creator of four short films, six full-length live shows, three albums that combine storytelling with music, and frequent speaker and presenter at schools. Ivan often grapples with the complex and intensely personal issues of gender identity, as well as topics such as family, class, social justice and queer liberation and in this presentation, Ivan will talk about different stories and ways to support student issues on sexual orientation and gender identity.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### **C1: SOCIAL MEDIA: STUDENT SAFETY AND POLICY**

Friday, November 24 / 1:00-2:15 p.m. / Repeats at 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Venue: Minoru A

Jesse Miller, *Social Media Strategist, Mediated Reality*

Jesse is renowned for proactively examining the challenges of social media, addressing the realities behind the known concerns around social media, and prompting dialogue that reflects the issues seen with new media and technology influences. His presentation will provide trustees with the tools needed to better equip themselves for participation in the social media world and extend dialogues to reflect technology influences in our connected daily lives.

## **C2: THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI): WHAT WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT STUDENT SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN BC SCHOOLS**

Friday, November 24 / 1:00-2:15 p.m. / Repeats at 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Venue: Minoru B

Kimberly Schonert-Reichl, *Director*, Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP)

We know that physical fitness is important for overall health and well-being. Ground-breaking scientific research is now illustrating that students' social and emotional fitness is also critical to their overall health and well-being, playing a key role in all aspects of their lives, from self-regulation, to developing empathy and maintaining positive relationships. The science now indicates that these skills can be taught and are important for bolstering academic achievement and life success.

In this interactive session, Dr. Schonert-Reichl will explore the social and emotional development of Grade 4 and 7 students through local school and community data gathered through the Middle Development Instrument (MDI). She will facilitate a strengths-based inquiry into students' social and emotional health and well-being, and related trends, including the promotion of dimensions of student wellness – including self-regulation, empathy, and resiliency. Kim will also discuss the practical strategies for creating a caring classroom and school environment, promoting teachers' well-being and social and emotional skills, and the integration of social and emotional learning (SEL) practices and strategies into curriculum and school cultures. The session will include a discussion of key aspects of social and emotional development and explore approaches in classrooms, schools and communities to improve well-being outcomes for children and youth.

### **C3: ABORIGINAL UNDERSTANDINGS**

Friday, November 24 / 1:00-2:15 p.m. / Repeats at 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Venue: Minoru C

Laura Tait, *Director of Instruction, Aboriginal Education, SD68 (Nanaimo Ladysmith)*

Stephanie Higginson, *School Trustee, SD68 (Nanaimo Ladysmith)*

Laura will share Aboriginal understandings as they pertain to the education system. Along with trustee, Stephanie Higginson, she will also highlight the beginnings of their district's journey to Reconciliation.

### **C4: THE COURAGE TO WORK TOGETHER: GOVERNING TO CREATE COMMUNITIES OF LEARNING**

Friday, November 24 / 1:00-2:15 p.m. / Repeats at 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Venue: Cedarbridge

Betty Baxter, *Board Chair, SD46 (Sunshine Coast)*

Patrick Bocking, *Superintendent, SD46 (Sunshine Coast)*

Pearl Deasey, *Student Trustee, SD46 (Sunshine Coast)*

The SD46 team will share the journey of building a dynamic, innovative and successful district learning community where all voices are valued and students are at the centre. How can your board engage the collective wisdom of students, staff and community to meet your goals? This interactive session will present innovative ideas and facilitate discussions for working together in your own context.

### **C5: SOGI 123 RESOURCES FOR TRUSTEES**

Friday, November 24 / 1:00-2:15 p.m. / Repeats at 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Venue: Minoru D

Matt Carruthers, *BC SOGI Education Lead, SOGI 123*

Rob McFarlane, *School Trustee, SD35 (Langley)*

Baljinder Narang, *School Trustee, SD41 (Burnaby)*

Donna Sargent, *School Trustee, SD38 (Richmond)*

Matt, along with a panel of trustees, will discuss topics and issues surrounding sexual orientation and gender

identity (SOGI) in schools around the province. They will talk about available resources from SOGI-inclusive school and educators, and current district initiatives that foster inclusive environments.

## PLENARY 4

### **AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR IN BC POLITICS**

**Saturday, November 25 / 9:45-11:00 a.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom**

Vaughn Palmer, *Provincial Political Columnist*, The Vancouver Sun

Vaughn will provide an overview of this unprecedented year in BC politics, what went wrong for the BC Liberals, what went right for the New Democrats, how the Greens fit in to the landscape and everyone's challenges that lie ahead. Expect up-to-the-minute guesses on the fate of Site C, dam winner of the Liberal leadership and the expected lifespan of the NDP-Green alliance.

## PLENARY 5

### **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BCSTA TRUSTEE LEARNING GUIDE**

**Saturday, November 25 / 11:00-11:45 a.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom**

Carolyn Broady, *Chair*, Trustee Learning Guide Working Group  
Mike Roberts, *CEO*, BCSTA

Carolyn and Mike will talk about BCSTA's newest member resource, the *Trustee Learning Guide*. Over a year in development, the *Guide* will provide an online one-stop shop for all board of education responsibilities in areas such as governance, financial and facility planning, human resources and labour relations, communication and community relations, board development and leadership, Aboriginal education, responsibilities for student success, and legal accountability. Carolyn and Mike will walk participants through the *Guide's* contents and features.

## PLENARY 6

### EDUCATING HEALTHY, HAPPY AND SELF-MOTIVATED STUDENTS

Saturday, November 25 / 1:00-2:30 p.m. / Venue: Britannia Ballroom

Dr. Shimi Kang, *Medical Director of Child and Youth Mental Health and Clinical Associate Professor*, University of British Columbia; *Author, The Self-Motivated Kid and The Dolphin Parent: A Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy, and Self-Motivated Kids*

Dr. Kang is the author of *The Self-Motivated Kid* and *The Dolphin Parent: A Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy, and Self-Motivated Kids*. This critically-acclaimed book became a number one Canadian best-seller, was released in Germany, Russia, and China, and won the 2015 US News International Book Award.

In her presentation, Dr. Kang will talk about how to educate healthy, happy and self-motivated students. She'll use irrefutable science, unforgettable true stories, and her own life experiences to show how to develop self-motivation, adaptability, and the key 21st century skills of communication, collaboration, contribution, creativity, and critical thinking.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The BC School Trustees Association would like to thank our education partners for their continued support:

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**First Nations Education Steering Committee**  
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