



## BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 3:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

425 Jermyn Avenue

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1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the agenda be approved.

3. Presentations

3.1 Penticton Secondary School Bursary and Scholarship Foundation

Representatives of the Bursary and Scholarship Foundation, Bernice Greig and Lorna Cox, will make a presentation regarding clerical support of the Foundation's activities by the school district.

4. Information Items

5. Action Items

5.1 BCSTA Request for Input

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The provincial government introduced Bill 11 - the *Education Statutes Amendment Act (2015)* in the legislature on March 26. The Bill contains amendments to the *School Act*, the *Independent School Act*, and the *Teachers Act* which are focused on four key areas:

- Educator professional development
- Shared services
- Accountability for school districts
- Student data disclosure provision alignment with FOIPOP

BCSTA will be providing member boards with forums for both discussion and input regarding the new legislation and anticipated regulations over the coming weeks and is requesting suggestions from every board about what process would work best to hear the voice of the membership regarding Bill 11.

6. Question Period

7. Adjournment



British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association

Dear Trustees,

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This new legislation can best be described as 'enabling,' as it both introduces and removes content from the three noted *Acts*, but provides the opportunity for significant detail to be introduced at a later date through Regulation and/or Ministerial Order. Based on the reasonable assumption that requirements under these four areas will come into effect for the 2015/2016 school year, this means the development and implementation of accompanying Regulations will take place over the immediate next three months.

BCSTA will push hard for broad-based consultation with partner groups and especially Boards of Education in the coming weeks regarding the development of any new regulations or other defining requirements for school districts. Although some of the processes have been ongoing for some period of time (e.g. the consultation regarding the new Accountability Framework which includes BCSTA participation), we believe there is a great deal of discussion and input that should still take place before any new regulations are enacted.

In addition, BCSTA will be looking for the promised establishment of the new Ministry of Education Sector Advisory Committee to happen as soon as possible. It is critical that promised consultation and input opportunities are put in place immediately so that key issues such as the ones put forward in Bill 11 can be discussed.

The introduction of Bill 11 today opens up the conversation on some very key K-12 education issues: educator professional development, shared services and student achievement accountabilities. It is critical that the voice of Boards is heard and fully considered as the operational focus and implementation parameters regarding these very significant issues for school districts are developed.

BCSTA will be providing member Boards forums for both discussion and input regarding the new legislation and anticipated regulations over the coming weeks. If you have suggestions as to what process may work best for your Board, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

The next three months must provide BCSTA and Boards with the opportunity to help shape the future regarding these very important educational issues. We will work with you to ensure that happens. I look forward to having further discussions with you and establishing our priorities for what must be included (or not included) under the umbrella of this new legislative framework.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Rezansoff', written over a horizontal line.

Teresa Rezansoff  
President  
British Columbia School Trustees Association