

TOPICS:

BCSTA Membership
Trustee Numbers and Ward System
Student Trustee
Trustee Remuneration
Financial Literacy Presentation

BCSTA – Secretary-Treasurer Carrie McVeigh presented a [report](#) based on a past Board motion that directed staff to gather information that includes costs and benefits of membership with the BC School Trustees Association.

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TRUSTEE NUMBERS AND WARD SYSTEMS – A past Board motion requested district staff to: [report](#) on necessary steps to reduce the Board from nine to seven trustees; estimate the savings by reducing the number of trustees from nine to seven; trustee stipends; and options for a ward system. The Committee recommended that the Board enter into a consultation process with community partners on the matter.

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STUDENT TRUSTEE – A past Board motion directed staff to prepare a [draft](#) policy and administrative procedure to establish the position of a Student Trustee to take part in the district’s Committee and Board of Education meetings. The Committee recommended that the Board enter into a notice of motion of its intent to amend Policy 2.2 – Approach to Governance, by adding: “Respectful and meaningful student participation in district governance by establishing the position of Student Trustee.”

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TRUSTEE REMUNERATION – The Committee recommended that the Board enter into public consultation with an amendment to current Trustee Remuneration Board Governance Policy 2.6, Section 7.1.1 that will read: “Trustee remuneration is to be reviewed by the Board in September in each year; such review is to be based on remuneration paid to trustees of comparable British Columbia School Districts.”

In the [report](#), staff were requested to: prepare comparison of other similar districts’ trustee remuneration, including remuneration for the Board Chair, Vice-Chair and

committee chairs; and draft an administrative procedure for annual review of trustee remuneration based on comparative Boards.

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PRESENTATION – Trustee Jeff Solomon presented information on financial literacy and an overview of certain financial institutions in Nanaimo.

The Committee recommended that the Board direct staff to explore the need to establish a pilot project to address the issue of financial literacy and report back to the Board before January 2018.

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