

Board Chair Report

- Nothing to report

Trustee Report

- Sat in on an afternoon of NSS Capstone presentations which was very rewarding in that the students gave a clear picture of their success and appreciation with having attended NSS. They reinforced the importance in it being a small school environment with many learning and sports opportunities and relationships.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Dixon, Board Chair

COMMITTEE REPORT – Feb. 15, 2022

DPAC:

- meeting was held by Zoom on January 25
 - all schools with PAC's were represented
 - not all schools have had a PAC meeting yet this calendar year
 - NES has some parents attending the BCCPAC webinar on Feb 11
 - LESS has not met but into Learning week will include outdoor learning
 - skiing starts Feb 2 with 4 days of skiing; trying to get after school programs going
 - no news has been received on the Gaming grant
 - thanks to the District for covering membership this year –now members of BCCCPAC in good standing
 - discussion on how to get more parents interested in PAC-NES PAC shares their meeting info on the school newsletter and have collected emails of most parents
- Next meeting to be determined

BCSTA-Provincial Council

- meeting was held virtually February 12
- no motions were presented (motions that are “emergent” that cannot wait until the AGM in April can be submitted to Provincial Council
- reports were received by the BCSTA President Stephanie Higginson, BCSTA CEO Suzanne Hoffman, the Professional Learning Committee and the Indigenous Committee
- Resolution Tracking of motions submitted to the AGM and Provincial Council were shared
- the Draft Budget of the BCSTA was presented and accepted – Boards can make feedbacks to the Budget until March 1
- the Budget will be adopted at the PC meeting at the AGM in April
- all reports will be shared in the Provincial Council update within the next week

BCSTA: Kootenay Boundary Branch:

The motions building session was held on Jan. 22. 5 of the 6 districts were in attendance – 10 attendees.

Two motions will be put forward to the BCSTA AGM –

- 1) Ask BCSTA to provide video options for all BCSTA gatherings for those who have difficulty travelling. Government to update the language in the School Act to reflect the changes made in ie: the Indigenous Act
- 2) The second motion of requesting BCSTA to make video options available for events was not accepted as BCSTA is already working on this

BCTF/BCSTA Life Insurance Committee

- AGM to be held virtually on April 11

BCPSEA:

- AGM held virtually January 27 and 28

Greetings were received from Minister of Ed Jennifer Whiteside

- she is confident with the success of the schools being kept open during pandemic
- we need to keep the needs of students at the centre of decision making

- be ready to continue providing in person learning
 - The Minister shared that our Collective goal is to ensure we create an environment where all students thrive – build equity across the K-12 sector
 - touched on racism for both students and staff – we have to acknowledge that it exists in order to tackle it
 - need a recruitment plan that reflects the community
 - the Ministry will work with districts on the Learning Enhancement Agreements
 - BCSTA President Stephanie Higginson and BCPSEA CEO Bruce Anderson** gave greetings, with Bruce sharing that there have been a lot of changes at BCPSEA over the last year
 - BCPSEA Chair Alan Chell** shared how the BCPSEA Board of Directors are elected
 - 7 directors voted in by regions, and 5 directors appointed by the government
 - the Directors are on a 3 year rotational basis
 - 3 Directors were re-elected this year – Dawn Lang for Kootenay-Boundary, Alan Chell for Thompson-Okanagan, and Mary Warcup for Coast Mountains
 - Information on Provincial Bargaining:**
 - local bargaining began in November 2021 for teachers and must be completed by **March 4** and is underway now for support staff
 - Provincial Bargaining will begin March 1
 - the consultation process was shared
- The current climate includes: (for Provincial Bargaining)
- Covid; mental health; truth and reconciliation; equity and diversion; on line learning; class size and composition; recruitment and retention; economic health of BC government finances; mandate and budget; the #metoo movement; best efforts
- the Collective Agreement with local association applies only to teachers** – not support staff P/VP or exempt staff
 - the difference between support staff bargaining and teacher bargaining was shared

Respectfully submitted by Lora Lee Brekke, Trustee

Trustee Report to Board, February 15, 2022

The LESS PAC: meeting February 10/22.

Bouldering wall update: \$9623 in confirmed funds. PAC has worked with the school to apply for a Community Initiatives grant application with the ask of \$15,000. PAC is also looking at a Slocan Valley Legacy Fund application as well as several fundraising opportunities.

PAC will also write a letter to Peter Dubinsky asking for \$1000 to go towards the bouldering wall project.

Eva Hicks was voted as the new PAC secretary after the previous secretary resigned.

Calendar Committee – met on February 9/22. Reviewed the proposed four and five day week calendars. Superintendent will present to the board for approval.

SDCC – nothing to report

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Farrell, Trustee