

BCSTA Trustee Academy 2023 Report

On November 30th, Trustees, alongside Senior Staff, took part in the annual BCSTA Trustee Academy, at the Westin Bayshore Conference centre, In Vancouver. With the emphasis on New Trustee Orientation, the BCSTA hosted an array of networking opportunities, working group sessions, and keynote speakers from across Canada, also, a warm greeting by Minister Jennifer Whiteside.

Topics of discussion included, Indigenous Education, Budgeting, Governance for Continuous Improvement of Student Learning, and Inclusive Education. The working group sessions made way for all 60 districts to converse in shared experiences and challenges of Trusteeship and gave insight to how other districts operate in the province. Given the nature of our “small but mighty district”, it was refreshing to experience the level of care and interest from other districts. The advocacy and sincere connection us Trustees have towards SD10 was ever present. Re-connecting with other Trustees, post pandemic, was also a delight.

The process of bonding as a new Board was, in my opinion, the best part. The confidence of governing our district is a result of that bond. Communication, open dialogue, respect, grace and enthusiasm are some of the key factors that unite us in sharing our common goal, enhancing student achievement.

My gratitude for the BCSTA for bringing us all together, and supporting us Trustees, province wide.

Until next time!

Respectfully submitted,
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