



**Canadian School Boards Association
Winter Board of Directors Meeting
Montreal, Quebec, Saint Sulpice Hotel
February 22, 2016**

Present:

1	Janet Foord*	President, Canadian School Boards Association
2	Valerie McLeod	Executive Director, Canadian School Boards Association
3	Teresa Rezansoff*	President, British Columbia School Trustees Association
4	Mike Roberts	Executive Director, British Columbia School Trustees Association
5	Helen Clease*	President, Alberta School Boards Association
6	Scott McCormack	Associate Director, Alberta School Boards Association
7	Connie Bailey*	President, Saskatchewan School Boards Association
8	Darren McKee	Executive Director, Saskatchewan School Boards Association
9	Floyd Martens*	VP, CSBA, Past President, Manitoba School Boards Association
10	Laurie French*	First Vice President, Ontario Public School Boards Association
11	Gail Anderson	Executive Director, Ontario Public School Boards Association
12	Jennifer Maccarone*	President, Québec English School Boards Association
13	Marcus Tabachnick	Executive Director, Québec English School Boards Association
14	Nancy Pynch Worthylake	Executive Director, Nova Scotia School Boards Association
15	Susan Ritchie*	President, Nova Scotia School Boards Association
16	Goronwy Price*	President, Newfoundland Labrador School Boards Association
17	Josh Watt	Exécutive Director, Manitoba School Boards Association
18	Ken Cameron	President, Manitoba School Boards Association

REGRETS: Brian Shortall **GUESTS:** Josee Bouchard, FCSQ, Melinda Chartrand, FNCSF
*indicates voting member

1. Call to order

Janet Foord, CSBA President called the meeting to order at 8:35am. Round table introductions for new people included Jennifer Maccarone, Ken Cameron, Melinda Chartrand.

2. Adoption of agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for the meeting with the additions of Early Childhood Learning, Minority language rights, aboriginal éducation funding and advocating for locally elected school boards,
(Helen Clease, ASBA/Jennifer Maccarone, QESBA) **CARRIED**

3. Approval of minutes from the previous board meeting

MOTION to receive the minutes of the previous board of directors meeting (October 2015) with the following corrections (CB as mover and seconder, Laurie French designate as eligible to vote, removed some unnecessary detail from provincial reports, plus one action item to be for ED was noted as provincial responsibility in error.
(Connie Bailey, SSBA/ Laurie French, OPSBA) **CARRIED**

3. President's Report

MOTION to receive the President's report.
(Teresa Rezansoff, BCSTA/Connie Bailey, SSBA) **CARRIED**

4.) Executive Director's Report

1. Quebec Advocacy Update
 - (original letter signed by all,
 - Quebec press conference (FM/VM),
 - CEA/CSBA Facts on Education publication on the negative effects of decentralization
 - NSBA letter of support from United States, press release in February,
 - Second letter signed by all jurisdictions to come
2. Memberships (NB English, ACEPO, OCSTA, FCSQ, FNMI).
3. Website renovations need following a bankruptcy of Spundge
4. CMEC: successful "door opening" meetings between EDs in Toronto with new ED.
5. Canadian Profile (to remove all figures pertaining to voter turnout as they are not clear and clarify the jurisdictional services offered at board association offices.
6. Trustee Profiles strongly suggested (easy survey available from QESBA/MSBA/FCSQ)
7. Partnerships
 - Free the Children, Horatio Alger, NSBA membership
8. CEA – CSBA article for their website featuring Paul Martin and Darren McKee on FNMI education
9. CEA - Latest issue of CSBA Fact on Education
10. CSBA locker closed and all archives completely reviewed - 57 boxes to 4 and scanning of those contents still to do
11. Coming events (MSBA - Val, BCSTA - Floyd, NS - Janet, NSBA - Peter Garrow and Darren McKee)

MOTION to confirm Free the Children as an official partner of CSBA
(Helen Clease, ASBA/Jennifer Maccarone, QESBA) **CARRIED**

MOTION to become an official supporter of the Horatio Alger program
(Jennifer Maccarone, QESBA/Floyd Martens, MSBA) **CARRIED**

MOTION to become a member of NSBA
(Helen Clease, ASBA/Laurie French, OPSBA) **CARRIED**

MOTION: (brought forward from October meeting) for the ED to prepare a template to serve as a letter for each province to send to their minister of education that proposes meetings with CMEC that would serve to establish a relationship that would support collaboration and forwarding our mutual causes.
(Teresa Rezansoff, BCSTA/Connie Bailey, SSBA) **CARRIED**

MOTION: to do a draft of a new country-wide statement for Quebec Draft Bill 86
(Jennifer Maccarone, QESBA/Goronwy Price, NLSBA) **CARRIED**

MOTION to receive the Executive Director's report
(Floyd Martens, MSBA/Laurie French, OPSBA) **CARRIED**

5.) Financial reports

- Jan 31 statements (motion)
- Draft Budget 2016-17 presented (motion)

MOTION to approve the 2016-2017 budget as presented, with the only amendment being that all Strategic Plan initiative amounts are to be grouped together.
(Connie Bailey, SSBA/Floyd Martens, MSBA) **CARRIED**

6.) Provincial Reports

SEE MEETING DOCUMENTS

7.) Committee Reports

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

ACTIONS : arising from previous minutes:

1. Sharing of Best Practices in all jurisdictions. Scott will email Executive Directors and seek an abstract with contact information for their promising practices/programs – please limit your submission to the top 5.
2. Amend the draft charter to reflect the full breadth of student health (SM/GA)
3. Exploring interest in developing a national universal food document (school nutrition policy)
4. CSBA statement in support of Joint Comprehensive School Health (FYI at this point for CSBA, AMA had CMA endorse, ASBA committee will prepare a letter for CSBA seeking support/endorsement).

MOTION: to support the International Statement on the Integration of Health and Schools.

(Teresa Rezansoff, BCSTA/Laurie French, OPSBA) **CARRIED**

FIRST NATIONS MÉTIS AND INUIT EDUCATION

1. NSBA Session - Peter Garrow, Darren McKee and Christy Bressette of CMEC to present on Canadian work in FNMI. They will contact each other to determine what role each will play and what will be presented.

MOTION: Acknowledgement of Territory upon which every meeting takes place

(Teresa Rezansoff, BCSTA/Laurie French, OPSBA) **CARRIED**

MOTION: that a letter is prepared to CMEC asking that the gap in funding for FNMI Education be addressed

2. Best Practices draft working document to be used in collection of information
3. Still looking for a representative for FNMI education at CSBA (Jarrett? DM)
4. CMEC doing a jurisdictional scan of what is being done to address the Truth and Reconciliation Report's recommendations.

MOTION that board initiatives are also included in this scan. (*HOW?! do I just advise them and attach our info?*)

Jennifer Maccarone, QESBA/Helen Cleese, ASBA) **CARRIED**

TWENTY FIRST CENTURY LEARNING

This committee is to be disbanded.

MOTION: Letter to advocate for a minimum standard for bandwidth in all educational facilities

(Goronwy Price, NLSBA/Jennifer Maccarone, QESBA) **CARRIED**

8.) Advocacy regarding GST exemptions for school boards

Work advancing relative to the private member's bill. SSBA

9.) Jurisdictional information on support for Syrian refugees

Can we get a scan of what is going on across the country with regards to programming and funding

MOTION: to advocate for adequate funding for Syrian refugees for programs in education programs

(Teresa Rezansoff, BCSTA/Helen Cleese, ASBA) **CARRIED**

10.) CSBA 2016

CSBA should present.

11.) CSBA 2017

WHISTLER! Thanks to BCSTA

12.) VARIA

Minority Rights

MOTION re: CSBA statement on minority rights in education

(Jennifer Maccarone, QESBA/Goronwy Price, NLSBA) **CARRIED**

Early Childhood Education

Will be collecting information on best practices on providing early childhood education.

Next Meetings:

- Sunday and Monday, May 15/16 in Calgary (9am start on Sunday, 4pm finish on Monday)
- Thursday July 7 in Winnipeg (3:30-5pm)
- Sunday and Monday, October 23/24 in Montreal (9am start on Sunday, 4pm finish on Monday)

MOTION: to adjourn

(Helen Clease, ASBA/Connie Bailey, SSBA) **CARRIED**

ACTIONS:

RESP Done

		RESP	Done
1	STRATEGIC PLAN - gather feedback, pull together work to date, review priorities and continue consultative process (target date for approval July)	ED	X
2	Governance committee to review executive roles - Pres., VP, Committee chairs, ED, Finance and Gov.	FM	
3	Fee structure to be reviewed (OPSBA and MSBA have potential new models to consider)	ED	X
4	CND Profile: voter turnout removed/services provided reviewed/ final draft published	ED	X
5	Criteria to be set up for partnerships (including sponsor relationships)	ED	X
6	Scott to follow up on terms for NSBA	SM	
7	Advise HA, FtC, NSBA of the partnerships	ED	X
8	Prepare the CMEC template letter	ED	X
9	Circulate the trustee profile questionnaires to members adding student trustees and FNMI	ED	
10	Follow up on the Healthy Schools list of endorsements/partners	ED	X
11	Follow up on CMEC study and how boards can round out the portrait	ED	
12	Letter advocating for adequate bandwidth (MR and executive)	MR	X
13	Letter to address FNMI funding gap (Executive and JW)	ED	X
14	Letter to advocate for funding to support Syrian refugees	ED	X
15	Collection of information on programs that support Syrian refugees	ED	
16	Statement on minority rights	MT	X
17	New statement on Bill 86	ED	X
18	Early childhood learning info compiled (OPSBA)	GA	
19	Policy manual to be compiled and provided to new directors (VM)	ED	
20	Consider a conference call between meetings to refresh everyone's roles	JF	
21	Communications "team" to be built and meet to address strategic plan	ED	X
22	Verify our constitution to ascertain if the fiscal year and approval of the audited statements could be changed o Sept to Aug.	ED	
23	There is still interest in the different definitions of Teachers Time and this could, if time allowed, be an item to research	ED	
24	NSBA presentation to be outlined, presenters prepared and coordinating of docs, transport.	ED	X
25	ED to book and confirm hotel arrangements in Calgary (May), Winnipeg and Mtl. (Oct.)	ED	X
26	Prepare FS (year audit)	ED	X
27	Advocacy for GST Exemption	ED	X