



Canadian School Boards Association Fall Board of Directors Meeting

Jag Hotel, St. John's, Newfoundland, October 4, 5, 2015,

Present:

1	Janet Foord*	President, Canadian School Boards Association
2	Valerie McLeod	Executive Director, Canadian School Boards Association
3	Teresa Rezanoff*	President, British Columbia School Trustees Association
4	Gordon Swan	Vice President, 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	David D'Aoust*	President, Québec English School Boards Association
12	Marcus Tabachnick	Executive Director, Québec English School Boards Association
15	Nancy Pynch Worthylake	Executive Director, Nova Scotia School Boards Association
16	Susan Ritchie*	President, Nova Scotia School Boards Association
13	Brian Shortall	Executive Director, Newfoundland Labrador School Boards Association
14	Goronwy Price*	President, Newfoundland Labrador School Boards Association

REGRETS: Michael Barrett, Gail Anderson, Mike Roberts. **GUESTS:** Josee Bouchard, FCSQ

*indicates voting member

1. Call to order

Janet Foord, CSBA President called the meeting to order at 8:35am. Introductions were made (Gordon Swan of BCSTA, Laurie French of OPSBA and Josée Bouchard of FCSQ).

2. Adoption of agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for the meeting,

(Teresa Rezanoff, BCSTA/Helen Clease, ASBA) **CARRIED**

3. Approval of minutes from the previous board meeting

MOTION to receive the minutes of the previous board of directors meeting (May 2015).

(David D'Aoust, QESBA/Connie Bailey, SSBA) **CARRIED**

4. Vice President's Report

Attended a Quebec Press Conference September 9, 2015 on behalf of CSBA and "in defence of education democracy" (low turnout is not a reason to abandon a principal of democracy and local voice). Floyd's statement attached. DM will be attending the Democracy Institute event as a speaker and will reinforce how school governance is where it starts for community engagement.

MOTION to receive the Vice President's report.

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

5.) Discussions On Advocacy

To be addressed as a major part of our work going forward when working on the strategic plan. DM/SM suggest we go back to the 5 major guiding questions for the association's role to assist on what we represent or stand for and how we will advocate after that.

Part of what could form materials is to determine what is a model board, supporting boards to become that board (through PD, tools, etc.). Look into: ALTA (day for advocacy). Also, what didn't work in NB and PEI; NY legislation for government re: criteria and process in the case of dysfunctional boards;

Best practices in successful advocacy as well (e.g. ALTA Advocacy Day, BC partnerships following labour disputes 4- 5 years ago, OBSBA tripartite bill, MO with NS ministry, etc.)

To advocate for trustees, profiles from across the country would be useful (as done in Quebec). As part of the profile, what they have completed as PD would be an addition (hours learning about their responsibilities).

Also, to support boards in offering PD, ED should begin a PD module list and a link speakers list from provinces.

6.) Executive Director's Report

Correspondence

- Anaphylaxis – Incidents doubled in 7 years. Circulate The Anaphylaxis Canada guidelines for schools (co edited by CSBA). SSBA has new reference materials following some collaborative work in the area.
 - Materials provided from Webcast on Mental Health. Solid evidence that literacy improves youth mental health in youth and incidences in schools diminish. Health centres are looking like an important aspect.
 - Trustee Profiling provided following polling by both QESBA and FCSQ. All members encouraged to provide similar information for a national profile. Other questions could be added (PD in governance).
 - EdTech conference “Redefining the Canadian Digital Learning Landscape (produced by partners at C21)
 - Halston School Board letter to the ministry of education to demand resources to uphold the Charter of Commitment on Aboriginal Education and to begin providing curriculum immediately that addresses the issues in the truth and reconciliation report.
 - Healthy School Communities – we were invited to take part in a Leadership Forum, pre conference. TR is participating as a panelist.
- Horatio Alger scholarships: to share with all boards in hopes of helping extraordinary students in financial or other difficulty get funding and support (mentorship).

Activities

- CEA Facts on Education plan for 5 issues issue presented. 2 on 5 issues are related to well being. 1 on 5 is about leadership and ED will examine possibilities to have CSBA provide an article in the March issue of CanEd on “Leadership and Governance” Prime Minister's Awards
- Closing storage, 50 boxes in CSBA office and archives being scanned.
- Positive discussions on joint group of national education leaders. Potential for a first mtg fall 2016 (VM)

Priorities (as per board discussion)

- Preparation for Strategic Planning session in February. Darren, Mike and Scott to spearhead with feedback collected from the group over the coming months (through Survey Monkey or ThoughtStream?) (Tom Getzler, possible participant at meeting following)
- Advocacy documents; finding and outlining best practices in collaborative relationships with partners in education/govt, etc., PD offered across the country and info on accreditation
- Oversee the collection of cross country info on activities/best practices for 2 priorities. as well as governance structures.
- Begin building a base of members recommended speakers, including information on related costs.
- Membership development
- Partnership development: CMEC's new ED, NSBA, plus educational leadership (CAPS, CASSA, CABO business officials, CTF Teachers Federation, AADC Academic deans, FNCSF Francophone boards (150,000 students, 28 boards, 630 schools)

MOTION to receive the Executive Director's report

(Laurie French, OPSBA/Connie Bailey, SSBA) **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: to accept the Financial Report as presented to :

(Teresa Rezansoff, BCSTA/Goronwy Price, NLSBA) **CARRIED**

MOTION: to reinvest \$240,000 surplus:

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

DISCUSSION ON FUTURE FINANCES (GP)

Considered current student populations to investigate impact of shift in our member fee model; been held at former populations for some time now

Considered changing base fee to minimize impact of student populations

Considered reducing memberships held by CSBA

Not offering a recommendation at this point; looking for feedback from board and will produce recommendations at next meeting; distributed report from Finance Committee

PROVINCIAL REPORTS

SEE MEETING DOCUMENTS

NOTES FROM DISCUSSIONS

MOTION: to send communicate with the SSBA organizing committee to say thank you and excellent

(Helen Clease, ASBA /Laurie French OPSBA) **CARRIED**

REQUEST: To look at ways to spend less on meals for the Group dinner during BOD meetings.

MOTION: 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**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

MOTION: to adopt the SHWC Terms of reference as presented at the May 2015 meeting

(Laurie French, OPSBA/ Floyd Martens, MSBA) **CARRIED**

Proposed Terms of Reference:

Children and youth have a fundamental right to safe and inclusive learning environments. CSBA is committed to supporting and promoting the physical, mental and emotional health and wellness of students. This CSBA task force will focus its efforts as follows:

- 1. Promote student health and wellness as a priority for member school board associations, education partners and other stakeholders; and,*
- 2. Advocate in supporting efforts of member school board associations and their member school boards.*

Action I: Look to amend the draft charter to reflect the full breadth of student health (SM/GA)

For further action, the final charter will be proposed for endorsement by the CSBA Board of Directors at a later date. If endorsed by the CSBA, we will encourage member associations and their member school boards to adopt the same charter. We would further seek to advocate for broad support of the charter with education partners and national stakeholders.

Action II: *Compile a listing of promising practices from member board associations. Each member association to bring back promising practices to the October 2015 CSBA board meeting. 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 or so.*

- *Scott will provide a reporting template which will ask you provide a three-four sentence abstract of the program, contact information for interested parties to use, and any reference to the evidence in support of the program or the research basis for it.*

- *Scott will follow up on the OPSBA Student Health Charter (or others) to look at a redraft of one for CSBA*
- *Exploring interest in developing a national universal food document (school nutrition policy). Alberta may have some work done in this area that could provide a point of departure.*
- *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). Information will be brought forward as it comes available*

MOTION: to fund a second person to go to the Healthy Schools Conference and World Leaders in Education Forum and join Teresa who is representing CSBA but also presenting. (Nancy or Laurie?)

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

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

- GA must to step down as chair of this committee (SC will be retiring shortly). We will look at bringing in some help from outside (Peter Garrow from OPSBA, Mary Martin from ASBA and TBC from BC (MR to provide name))
- Need to look at the terms of benchmarking the charter over the next year.
- Chair at CMEC is Jackson Lafferty (DM has a relationship with him) and he will meet with CSBA to share feedback from CMEC; while we appreciate there are political sensitivities that will need to be managed; CMEC is still to recognize value in working with CSBA; there seems to be a growing recognition that school boards have to be involved to leverage significant change in the education systems; we have a view to meeting annually with CMEC
- Still pursuing someone to have a voice for FNMI at the CSBA table
- Still developing a plan for presenting on FNMI education at NSBA

21st CENTURY LEARNING SKILLS

While the CSBA has gained value through their association with C21 (recalling the Shifting Minds document) and still see value as a partner, but not necessarily as a funder. .

MOTION: To withdraw as member from C21 Canada (\$10,000 membership fee) based on changing mandates and focus at the association.

(Goronwy Price, NLSBA/Floyd Martens, MSBA) **CARRIED**

Still plan to pursue the assessment of bandwidth capacity across Canada and are committed to ensuring all students are provided with access and sufficient capacity; regardless of location, need basic access to resource. Will bring back findings to this board for support in messaging next steps; support advocacy effort in this regard

MOTION: to accept Committee Reports

(David D'Aoust, QESBA/Teresa Rezansoff, BCSTA) **CARRIED**

CSBA 2015 WRAP UP

Report is provide in the package. Congratulations and thank you's are to be extended to the organizing committee (VM).

CSBA 2016

The hotel is Delta. There is an event planner who has been hired to manage the event. The key note speaker confirmed at this point is Izzeldin Abuelaish, who wrote the book "I Shall Not Hate". There will be an event co-hosted with CASSA at the Museum of Human Rights.

CSBA 2017

MOTION: that in the interest of a regional rotation, the maritimes be the next destination and as NSSBA and NLSBA are not in a position to organize in 2016, PEI will be the destination and OPSBA will organize it as a national conference in a destination as opposed to a “locally hosted event”

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

MOTION to adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted
Valerie McLeod
Executive Director, CSBA

AS REMINDER ONLY

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