

The Board of Education believes that professional learning for the board and individual trustees is an important element to encourage the development of new and fresh ideas, and to provide a variety of information which will assist trustees in making informed decisions.

Guidelines

1. For the purpose of this policy, the term “conference” will be inclusive of those conferences, seminars, workshops, meetings that will assist trustees in making informed decisions and excludes meetings of the Board (regular open, closed, special and committee meetings of the Board).
2. Trustees generally attend the following:
 - 1.1. BCSTA Annual General Meeting – all trustees
 - 1.2. Northern Interior Branch Meetings – all trustees
 - 1.3. New Trustee Seminars – new trustees
 - 1.4. Advanced Trustee Seminars – all trustees
 - 1.5. Trustee Working Sessions/ Forums – all trustees
3. Board-appointed trustee representatives or alternates are expected to represent the Board at all appropriate meetings:
 - 3.1. Provincial Chairpersons’ Meeting – Board Chair
 - 3.2. BCSTA Provincial Council
 - 3.3. BCSTA Committee Appointed Representatives
 - 3.4. BCPSEA AGM and specifically called meetings
 - 3.5. Liaison and Representative meetings
4. Trustee attendance at additional conferences must have Board approval.
5. Trustees are expected to attend those sessions in which they are registered.
6. A trustee attending a conference is required, upon return, to provide a written report to the Board and make any relevant conference or workshop materials available upon request.