



The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

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MARIANNE VANBUSKIRK – ATTENDANCE REPORT TO THE BOARD

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION, THOMPSON-OKANAGAN BRANCH, SPRING MEETINGS

Event Dates:

Wed. Feb. 28th 5:30-7:00pm (BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee)

Fri. Mar. 1st 11:30am-8:00pm and Sat. Mar. 2nd 8:00am-3:30pm (Branch meeting, business meeting, guest presenters.)

Sessions:

Speaker	Background/Title	Highlight
Vanessa Mitchell	Trustee, SD22. Chaired tonight's meeting.	Wed. Feb. 28 IEC Sharing of highlights of region regarding Indigenous Education. SD#23 presented an update on its publication "Equity in Action Agreement for Truth & Reconciliation 2020-2025."
Julia Fraser	Trustee, SD23	
Kelli Sullivan	Trustee, SD22	
Lori Mindnich	Trustee, SD22	
Wendy Rota	Trustee, SD19	
Marianne VanBuskirk	Trustee, SD83	SD83 shared 2 updates re: Jan. 29 Indigenous Day of Learning and Feb. 15 Indigenous Interactive Timeline.
Pauline Archachan	OKIB Elder	Friday Day 1 Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement
Student Drummers	Seaton Secondary School	
Barb Sheppard & Leah Ward	BCSTA Branch Exec	Building a Better Branch Branch Business Meeting
Erica Schmidt	SD22 Assistant Director, Human Resources	Interactive Presentation
SD22 Tracy Loffler / Gordon Li Connor Morris Brad Baker Dr. J. Charlesworth	BCSTA VP and Staff FNESC Manager MECC Assoc. Super. of Abor. Ed. BC Rep for Child & Youth	Saturday Day 2 Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement Framework for Continuous Improvement How are we doing? Data indicators. Systemic Issues Students in Care



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Loffler/Li	BCSTA VP and Staff	Ecocycle Planning
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Value of Conference/meeting:

Wed. evening – good sharing/networking of ideas. Wise, opening words by SD22 Trustee Mitchell re: land acknowledgement.

Fri. Day 1 – Thompson-Okanagan Branch Specific info and activity. Branch Business Meeting including Constitution and By-Laws Review, Resolution Committee Minutes, Business Reports (Pres/BCSTA/BCPSEA and BCSTA Indigenous). Committee Updates and then sharing of District Highlights.

Sat. Day 2 Presentation of MECC and BCSTA Resources – alignment. Sharing of Data Indicators by FNESC. Stats on Youth in Care. Recent document release Dec. 23.

I particularly liked being grouped by District (Staff & Trustees together) so that we could discuss each session and how it applies to SD83. How to move forward with an action plan or further inquiry was important to plan as a group.

Grateful to SD22 for hosting and inviting MECC, FNESC, BCSTA speakers to our Branch gathering. Very honoured to hear OKIB Elder Archachan's words and to experience Seaton Secondary's incredibly talented Indigenous Drummers who started us off in a good way. Kukwstsétsemc. Way isk wist. 🙌

Materials available for other trustees (upon request)

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Recommendation or follow-up:

Interested to inquire more about Central Okanagan SD#23's publication "Equity in Action Agreement for Truth & Reconciliation 2020-2025." How are they doing in their 5-year plan?

Key Question – Are our policies and decisions breaking the cycle of violence?

What systemic issues could our districts be facing/experiencing?

Trustees and Staff to be familiarized with recent "Distinctions-Based Approach Primer" (Dec. 2023).
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/distinctions_based_approach_primer.pdf

How is what we are doing creating a sense of belonging at our sites? Or, how is what we are NOT doing creating a sense of disconnect (not belonging)? Each district can reflect.

Submitted by: _____ SD 83 Trustee Marianne VanBuskirk _____

Date: _____ Mar. 4, 2024 _____