

DISTRICT PRACTICE

1. The Board financially supports and encourages participation in the following professional learning opportunities for all Trustees:
 - a. BCSTA Trustee Academy (Fall)
 - b. BCSTA Annual General Meeting and Conference (Spring)
 - c. BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch Meetings
 - d. In-house or local professional learning events
2. The Board supports additional professional learning activities and meetings for the Board Chair and other representatives (BCPSEA, BCSTA) as necessary.
3. It is expected that Trustees will make reasonable efforts to attend BCSTA events, particularly during the first year of their term.
4. In addition to the above-mentioned supported learning opportunities, a professional learning budget of \$1500 shall be set annually for each Trustee as of July 1, prorated in the year of an election. This account is to be used at the discretion of the Trustee for professional learning resources and/or activities as they relate to Trustee role and responsibilities. Unspent funds for any Trustee will be carried over for one school year, potentially supporting their participation in a major professional learning activity such as the Canadian School Boards Association National Gathering and Congress.
5. Additional professional learning expenses for a Trustee who has fully expended their budget may be approved by a majority vote of the Board.
6. Trustees must seek Board approval to attend any professional learning activity taking place outside of British Columbia. To do so, the Trustee must complete Appendix A - Form of Intention – and share with the Board Chair as early as possible. Trustees may not register for an event prior to Board approval.
7. The Board may choose to limit the number of Trustees that may attend a specific activity or event.
8. Within one month of their return from any professional learning activity, a Trustee will share a brief report to the Board as to the learning that occurred.