
From: Gabriel Liosis, Trustee
Topic: **Trustee Motion: Student Voice**

BACKGROUND

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This resolution seeks to address that interest by identifying best practices across all school districts and equipping boards with the necessary resources to enhance student engagement.

Consideration by the SD42 Board of Education and the BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch

At the January 15, 2025 SD42 public board meeting, the following trustee motion was carried:

"THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2025 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

'THAT the BCSTA establish an ad-hoc working group to conduct an environmental scan of best practices for incorporating Student Voice in board governance across all school districts and develop resources to support boards of education in building capacity within their student voice structures.'"

At the January 23, 2025 BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch meeting, the motion was supported with the removal of the request for ad-hoc working group.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board:

- **Repeal the January 15, 2025 motion regarding Student Voice Working Group; and**
- **Approve the following motion for submission to the 2025 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:**

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Student Voice

20.

Category: Students

Motion #: 20 : A202520

Meeting: AGM 2025

Category:

Disposition: Carried

Sponsor: Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows

Action: *not specified*

Outcome: *not specified*

Motion as Adopted:

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