



Special General Meeting
2025-2026 Year-End Committee Reports
June 17, 2026



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ACCESSIBILITY AD HOC COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: Nandini Aggarwal, Michele Dickinson, Nicole Hurtubise, Mikaela Johanson, Michelle Low, Lexa Perl, Regie Plana-Alcuaz

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

ADULT EDUCATORS' COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: No members elected for this school year

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: Nandini Aggarwal, Terry-Ann Gunter, Rob Purewall, Hye Kyong Son

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Angela Marcakis

Members: Elizabeth Griffiths, Gavin Hainsworth, Jacquie King, Andrea Leeks, Angela Marcakis, Kevin Pielak

Meetings & Events: The committee held 2 meetings over the school year.

The Awards Committee reviewed all scholarship applications and selected recipients based on the established criteria. The committee also continues to make improvements to our new online application forms.

To learn more about our scholarship opportunities, please visit: <https://www.surreyteachers.org/about-us/scholarships-bursaries/>

B.A.S.E.S. AD HOC COMMITTEE

Chair: Howard (Chia-Pei) Lung

Members: Kevin Amboe, John Ames, Katrina Becker, Jasmine Choi, Ashley Del Cid Castro, Christine Horton, Kyra Iannone, Howard Lung, Nancy McMullen, Olivia Paddack, Kevin Pielak

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met ten times this school year, including one full-day release.

No report submitted.

BARGAINING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Dana Neidig, Kevin Amboe (2024-2025)

Members: Kevin Amboe, Jatinder Bir, Marilyn Carr, Erin Coleman, Jennifer Edwards, Nicole Hurtubise, Jacquie King, Isaac Louie, Dana Neidig, Kelli O'Malley, Lexa Perl, Amrit Sanghe, Pauline Veto

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Chair: Erica Campbell

Members: Kevin Amboe, Amanda Anderson, Erica Campbell, Marilyn Carr, Erin Coleman, Nicole Hurtubise, Katharine Jeklinm, Jacquie King, Tammy Le, Dana Neidig, Annie Ohana, Katalin Paziuk, Marilyn Ricketts-Lindsay, Aman Sidhu, Tanya Taneva

Meetings: The committee held meetings monthly as well as sub-committee break out meetings.

Events: May 1st STA Convention

- Location: Sullivan Secondary, Goldstone Elementary, Salish Secondary, and various excursion locations throughout the Lower Mainland
- # of registered members in attendance: 3993 plus member Presenters and vendors
- Activities: almost 200 sessions and excursions covering a variety of educational topics
- Total amount spent: TBD as per final invoices

This year, Convention committee grew in many ways. We had many experienced committee members return and had new members join. Nicole Hurtubise moved into overseeing Convention from her PD Officer role.

As a committee, we had to pivot to a new platform and this came with some challenges, a lot of discussion and learning.

Convention offered a record number of excursion spaces for members this year. The on-site workshops were well attended. Our keynote speakers were relatable and connection seeking.

The Indigenous drumming entrance that took place at Salish Secondary site was powerful and set an impactful tone for the day. May 1st was a day of meaning professional development put on for teachers by teachers. One very experienced teacher commented that her sessions might have been her best pro-d to date!

ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: No members elected for this school year.

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

ECONOMIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: Corrie Shaw, Pauline Veto

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

EDUCATION GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: No members elected for this school year.

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHERS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Jacqueline Johnson, Michelle Bredenholler

Members: Makaela Cox, Kristen Johnson, Deborah Jackson, Alison Ibbotson, Jacqueline Johnson, Michelle Bredenholler

Meetings and Events:

September 24, 2025 - Zoom Meeting

- continued editing survey for Elementary Core Music Teachers.
discussion and inquiries:
- requested to the STA for a central STA representative for Core Music Teachers.
- 4 members attended
- quorum not met

October 22, 2025 – Zoom Meeting

- committee positions voted and passed – Jacqueline Johnson and Michelle Bredenholler (co-chair) Makaela Cox (secretary).
- email list of Core Music Teachers delivered to STA to use for the Core Music Teachers Survey.
- 6 members attended.

November 26, 2025 - Zoom Meeting

- Elementary Music Teachers Survey was made available to Surrey Core Music Teachers during the mid-month of November through December. The link to the survey was made through the STA Connections Magazine.
- Sean Moores and Nicole Hubertise from the STA volunteered to be contact persons to assist music teachers with inquiries. Most inquiries tend to be around contracts and allotments.
- quorum Issues:
 - discussion of how to address subcommittee members who had not completed the resigning process.
- 6 members attended.

January 28, 2026 - Zoom Meeting

- Communication to Nicole and Sean re: (contracts/posting for positions, teaching spaces, allocation of leftover minutes once a music teacher schedule has been set).
- Elementary Music Teachers Committee Survey raw data results given to the committee by the STA.
- Inquires and discussion:
 - how to take the information from the survey to bargaining language?
 - inquires and discussion: no communication yet from the district to the STA about the “restructuring of Grade 7 Band”
- 5 members attended

February 25, 2026 - Zoom Meeting

- No communication from the board regarding the restructuring of Grade 7 Band.
- Planned meeting of BCMEA and BCTF to discuss BC Arts Education Curriculum.
- Planning: group committee planned for the month of March, April, May and June.
- 6 members attended

April 22, 2026 – Hybrid Meeting

- May 13 School Board Meeting, Grade 7 Band Restructuring, BCMEA, Burnaby School Board changes to Arts Education delivery.
- official confirmed removal of 3 members of the committee.
- bargaining draft: the first planning session towards bargaining on behalf of Core Music Teachers of Surrey.
- planning: presentation to the STA executive for June.
- 6 members attended.

Up Coming Meetings and Events

- May 27, 2026 – Zoom Meeting
- June 16, 2026 – Presentation to the STA Executive
- June 16, 2026 – In Person Committee Meeting

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: No members elected for this school year.

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Gurinder Saroya and Lexa Perl

Members: Kevin Amboe, Angela Marcakis, Dana Neidig, Lexa Perl, Amrit Sanghe, Gurinder Saroya

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met 6 times this school year.

No report submitted.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: Jatinder Bir, Erin Coleman, Alexandra de Montigny, Manjit Dulla, Dustin Johnson, Sean Moores, Dana Neidig, Krystal Ng, Kelli O'Malley, Amrit Sanghe, Ziyad Shukri, Val Venema

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met once this school year.

No report submitted.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chair: Manjit Dulla

Members: Ron Gerbrandt, Raveena Kang, Krista Wallington, Monica Grant, Erin McShane, Howard (Chia-Pei) Lung, Alana Douglas, Shawn Francis, Jillian Rushmer, Manjit Dulla

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met 8 times this school year.

No report submitted.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION TASKFORCE

Chair: None

Members: Nicole Calla, Manjit Dulla, Leanne Ewen, Natalia Gryb, Geetika Harjai, Renee McFarlane, Glichelle Pereyra

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: Alexandra de Montigny, Michele Dickinson, Nicole Hurtubise, Jacquie King, Annie Ohana, Regie Plana-Alcuaz

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met three times this year.

No report submitted.

INTEGRATION SUPPORT TEACHERS COMMITTEE

Chair: None.

Members: Erin Coleman, Michele Dickinson, Leanne Ewen, Maiken Feather, Natalia Gryb, Regie Plana-Alcuaz

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

Chair: Jeff Solis

Members: Parminder Kaur Bering, Natalia Gryb, Sean Moores, Annie Ohana, Glichelle Pereyra, Niovi Patsicakis, Regie Plana-Alcuaz, Jeff Solis

Meetings & Events: 5 meetings held. One highlight was the contribution from the ISC fund to International Migrants Alliance Canada for a Labour Delegation to the Philippines to meet with unions there. It has been difficult to mobilize membership in this committee towards building events as many of the most active members organize events outside of the union. The proposal for an international solidarity speakers series is a first step forward towards events to be held by this committee, but we needed more time in the school year to prepare. The cuts to the international solidarity fund will really challenge this committee to think outside the box on how to contribute toward the solidarity work with unions from around the world.

LABOUR AFFAIRS AND EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: Dustin Johnson, Rick Kumar, Val Venema, Helen Kelsey

Meetings & Events: The committee did not meet this school year.

No report submitted.

LGBTQ2S+ AD HOC COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Lexa Perl and Annie Ohana

Members: Noel Abraham, Jatinder Bir, Vicki Glover, Tasha Hill, Mikaela Johanson, Lance McFall, Sean Moores, Annie Ohana, Olivia Paddack, Lexa Perl, Regie Plana-Alcuaz, Corrie Shaw, Roslyn Sundset

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met six times this school year, including two full-release days and one event.

No report submitted.

MEMBERS OF THE GLOBAL MAJORITY COMMITTEE

Chairs: None

Members: Jatinder Bir, Anisa Dhanji, Manjit Dulla, Raveena Kang, Haider Khan, Krystal Ng, Annie Ohana, Regie Plana-Alcuaz, Marilyn Ricketts-Lindsay, Amrit Sanghe, Tanisha Santino, Gurinder Saroya, Teresa Tsai

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met nine times this school year, including two full-release days.

No report submitted.

PEER SUPPORT CONSULTANT (PSC) AD HOC COMMITTEE

Chairs: Pauline Veto

Members: Michaelyn Hoven, Alison Ibbotson, Jack Kaila, Harbinder Lalli, Joanna Noakes, Roxanne Pope, Steve Simms, Pauline Veto

Meetings & Events: The committee met once this school year, including one full-day release.

No report submitted.

POLITICAL ACTION / PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: None

Members: Marilyn Carr, Alyssa Choroszewski, Bill Clark, Annie Ohana, Rob Purewall, Corrie Shaw, Jatinder Bir, Colleen Sheridan, Maggie Conway

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met six times this school year.

No report submitted.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Nicole Hurtubise and Tammy Le

Members: Nicole Hurtubise, Anne McNamee, Marilyn Ricketts-Lindsay, Jacquie King, Tammy Le, Kelli O'Malley, Dana Neidig, Katharine Jeklin, Erin Coleman, Erica Campbell

Meetings & Events: The PD Committee has held 9 meetings and one more will occur in June. We host a joint PD Day, Focus Day, in February with the employer. We support the Indigenous PD Day in November led by the Indigenous Committee. Finally, we host the PD Rep training in September and October.

Members who are not on the Convention committee also help out on Convention Day.

Name of Event: Focus Day - joint event

- Date: Feb 20
- Location: DEC
- Number of Members Who Attended: 120
- Activities: Aimed at new teachers
- Total Amount Spent: \$ 2500

Name of Event: Indigenous Day - supported event

- Date: Nov 10
- Location: Kwantlen First Nation Cultural Centre on McMillan Island
- Number of Members Who Attended: unsure
- Activities: Circle in a Box exercise led by Len Pierre and learning more about the Katzie nation
- Total Amount Spent: unsure - Indigenous Committee paid

Name of Event: PD Rep Training Workshops

- Date: Various dates in Sep and Oct
- Location: STA Office and Northview Golf Course
- Number of Members Who Attended: 130
- Activities: providing training for PD reps
- Total Amount Spent: \$ TBD after BCTF Grants applied

STARA STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair: Katalin Paziuk

Members: Gavin Hainsworth, Val Venema, Isaac Louie, Naomi Shaw, Katalin Toreky Paziuk, Jatinder Bir

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met six times this school year, including two full-release days.

No report submitted.

STATUS OF MEN IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION COMMITTEE

Chair: Donald Fleming and Douglas Knight

Members: Howard Lung, Kevin Amboe, Nandini Aggarwal, Donald Fleming, Doug Knight

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met ten times this school year.

No report submitted.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Regie Plana-Alcuaz and Raman Sangha-Dhami

Members: Parminder Bering, Ashley Del Cid Castro, Alana Douglas, Vicki Glover, Annie Ohana, Niovi Patsicakis, Regie Plana-Alcuaz, Val Venema, Katrina Wisniewski, Helen Kelsey

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met thirteen times this school year, including 2 full-release days and one event.

No report submitted.

TTOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair: Dave McCormick

Members: Nicole Jarvis, Dave McCormick, Cecilia Rudek, Alana Stockwell

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met three times this school year, including one event and two full-release days.

No report submitted.

YOUNG WORKERS COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Rick Kumar and Naomi Shaw

Members: Quinn Bachewich, Navpreet Ganda, Dustin Johnson, Rick Kumar, Naomi Shaw

Meetings & Events: The committee will have met seven times this school year, including three events.

No report submitted.