

## Learning Roundtable Report – December 10 2007

### Attendance

<b>Government</b>	Shirley Bond, Minister and Deputy Premier
<b>BCSTA</b>	Penny Tees, President Connie Densiuk, Vice President
<b>BCCPAC</b>	Ron Broda, First Vice President Lori Tedrick, Second Vice President
<b>BCPVPA</b>	Les Dukowski, President Marilyn Merler, President Elect
<b>BCSSA</b>	Geoff Jopson, President Sheila Rooney, Past President
<b>BCTF</b>	Irene Lanzinger, President Susan Lambert, First Vice President Jim Iker, Second Vice President John Wadge, Member-at-Large
<b>Ministry of Education</b>	Emery Dossall, Deputy Minister Rick Davis, Superintendent of Achievement
<b>Staff</b>	Lisa Dominato, Ministerial Assistant Larry Khuen, BCTF Stephen Hansen, BCSTA

1. Minister Bond convened the meeting and welcomed all participants.
2. Minister Bond presented the 2007/08 Provincial Class Size Report and asked Deputy Minister Emery Dossall to highlight trends.
  - a. Report shows continued improvement in learning conditions although changes are not as great as those between 2005/06 and 2006/07.
  - b. Highlights include fewer numbers of large classes, smaller average class sizes and some redistribution of students with special needs.
  - c. Irene Lanzinger noted that the number of classes with four or more students with special needs has increased. She advocated for increased funding to support improvements in learning conditions.
  - d. Penny Tees noted there were many ways to support student learning beyond reducing class size.
  - e. Geoff Jopson drew attention to the impact the teacher has on student learning.
  - f. Several others commented on implications of this year's report.
  - g. Minister Bond noted she had no tolerance for safety issues that may arise in specific classes because of numbers of students and directed that further analysis be undertaken, as was done last year to break out classes by type to further inform the discussions.

