

## Learning Roundtable Report – June 11 2008

### Attendance:

<b>Government</b>	Shirley Bond, Minister and Deputy Premier
<b>BCSTA</b>	Connie Densiuk, President Michael McEvoy, Vice President
<b>BCCPAC</b>	Ron Broda, President Kim Howland, Past 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>	James Gorman, Deputy Minister Rick Davis, Superintendent of Achievement
<b>Staff</b>	Lisa Dominato, Ministerial Assistant Ron Broda, BCCPAC Larry Khuen, BCTF Stephen Hansen, BCSTA Wendy Lee BCSSA

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - Michael McEvoy – Joins roundtable representing BCSTA
  
2. Minister Shirley Bond outlined Government’s initiatives and other matters.
  - The minister noted:
    - PM is doing an official apology regarding the residential school era
    - Minister invited schools to use this event as a teaching opportunity
  
  - Throne Speech commitments
    - Teacher leadership certificate
    - Teacher certificate removal for teachers who are incompetent
    - Early childhood – now 316 StrongStart centers
    - Early childhood learning agency – to investigate:
      - a. Full time K
      - b. Four year olds by 2010
    - Green buildings will be planned

- Post Secondary
    - a. Credit
    - b. Post secondary expansion
    - c. Education quality assurance
  - Discussion followed
    - Questions with respect to StrongStart, Teacher Leadership Certificate and Consultation around early learning.
    - Early learning paper does not give a set of options – rather it outlines what conversation should look like.
3. Class size analysis – distribution of students with special needs in classes
- A report circulated that showed classes of interest because of size and composition.
  - Intent follow up on these classes and inquire more fully into process used to organize these classes.
4. Further comments from Roundtable members
- Work will be started by will not resolve challenges in September