

Trustee Director Election Review Committee



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Results – Trustee Director Election Review

Executive summary

The Trustee Director Election Review Committee conducted a survey of all 60 school districts. All 60 boards of education responded, and nearly 77% indicated they prefer to keep the current governance structure. The results were shared with the BCPSEA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors determined they will not be bringing forward a recommendation to change the bylaws to the 2022 AGM.

Review process

At the 2021 BCPSEA Annual General Meeting held January 28, 2021, a resolution was passed to review BCPSEA director election structures (Resolution O-1). The BCPSEA Board of Directors convened a Trustee Director Election Review Committee to address Resolution O-1.

The committee's purpose was:

To review the governance structure implemented in the revised BCPSEA Bylaws in 2018, with a specific focus on the effectiveness of electing Trustee Directors on a regional basis rather than on an at large basis, to ensure optimal capacity to achieve BCPSEA's statutory mandate and purposes.

Committee members:

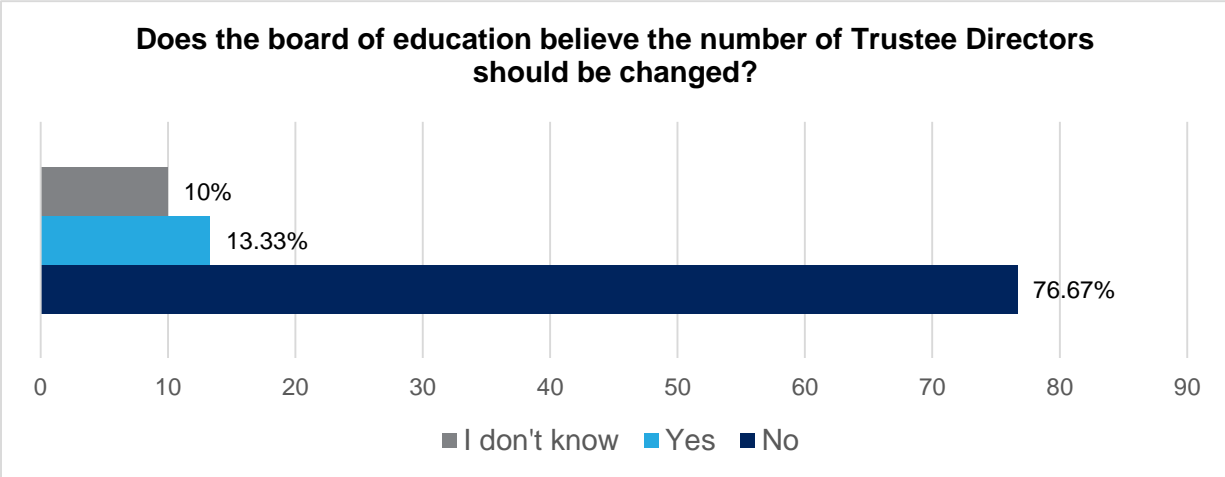
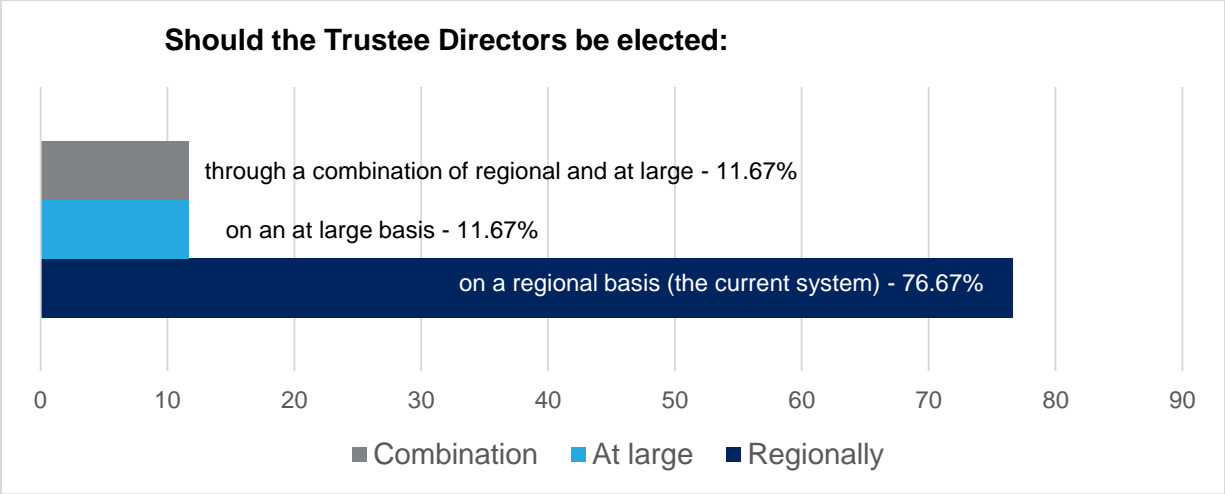
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- Rosanne Gulick, Trustee, SD 59 Peace River South
- Bob Phillips, Trustee, SD 62 Sooke

The committee met on May 14, May 28 and September 1, 2021.

Survey

The committee sought feedback via an online survey to inform their review and discussion. It was distributed to each board of education's BCPSEA Trustee Representative with a request to complete the survey with their entire board to ensure feedback from boards rather than individual trustees. The committee requested completion of the survey by June 30, 2021. All 60 boards of education responded to the survey.

Here are the responses to the two close-ended questions on the survey:



Overall, 76.67% of boards believe the current structure of regionally elected Trustee Directors should remain. The same percentage of boards (76.67%) believe the number of Trustee Directors should remain the same.

Through the qualitative questions, many districts stated that regional representation was important and that the current number of Trustee Directors is working.

Outcome

On September 1, 2021, the committee met to review and discuss the survey results. After careful review and discussion, the committee approved the following recommendation to the BCPSEA Board of Directors:

“That the governance structure implemented in the revised BCPSEA Bylaws in 2018 (Part 7, 7.3) of electing Trustee Directors on a regional basis remain unchanged.”

The BCPSEA Board of Directors passed the recommendation on October 1, 2021. As such, the governance structure of Trustee Directors on the BCPSEA Board of Directors will remain unchanged.