Workshop Description

This interactive workshop will explore the unwritten realities of school board governance— the sometimes “messy” bits that aren’t in policies, bylaws or the Act. Building on the lived experience of trustees we will discuss the challenges of working together as a board, building appropriate and effective relationships with senior staff, managing the expectations of constituents, and tools for assessing your governance effectiveness.

This workshop, which is designed for both new and seasoned trustees, will be engaging, honest, and fun. You will leave with enhanced insight into the people side of board work and tools that you can use at your own board table.

Program

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Comments
9:15 a.m. The Agony and the Ecstasy – Why be a school trustee?
9:45 a.m. Are You My Type? - Why we get along (or don’t).
10:30 a.m. Break
10:50 a.m. Rock or Sand – On what are strong boards built?
12:00 Noon Lunch
12:45 p.m. Playing with the Trains – Who should be doing what?
1:30 p.m. A Look in the Mirror – How are we doing and how would we know?
2:30 p.m. When One Goes Rogue – Last resorts.
3:15 p.m. Summary and Closing Comments

Presenter

Dr. Stephen Hansen is the retired Executive Director of the BC School Trustees Association. His expertise and passion is helping groups work better together, resolving interpersonal/intra-board conflict, and leadership evaluation.

Prior to his work at BCSTA, Stephen held education leadership roles in health care and private industry, and taught in the public school system for 15 years.