

Our Vision: *To improve public education for all students by including and supporting parents*

BCCPAC Governance Audit Update

One of the tasks of the governance audit is to establish what constitutes the legal version of BCCPAC's Constitution and Bylaws. The completion of this task has resulted in the unofficial complete consolidated BCCPAC Constitution and Bylaws document that has been posted on the BCCPAC website and distributed to members by e-mail.

The governance audit consultants found that sections 2.1.5 – 2.1.7 and sections 2.2.1 – 2.2.5 of the Constitution may have been inadvertently rescinded in 1998 and are no longer in effect. These resolutions include: consulting with and advising the Minister and the Ministry of Education on policies and programs; and supporting school and school district Parent Advisory Councils in developing and maintaining their advisory role—to mention only two of the six. As these points are fundamental to the work of the organization, the Board will be proposing special resolutions at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) to address this issue.

 [BCCPAC Constitution and Bylaws Unofficial Complete Consolidation](#)

 [Governance Audit Summary of Tasks and Deliverables Feb. 11, 2008](#) (members' only section)

[Governance Audit Steering Committee Meetings Notes](#) (members' only section)

Annual General Meeting May 3 – 4

The Board is urging all members to send a delegate to the AGM. In addition to the special resolutions outlined above, another special resolution proposed for the 2008 AGM seeks to establish a Members' Council. This would be a fundamental change in how BCCPAC operates. The resolution and information about it are contained in the resolutions booklet which members will receive shortly and which will be posted on the Annual General Meeting page on the website.

[Annual General Meeting 2008](#)

Empowering the Parent Voice, Spring Conference May 1-2

The theme for the Spring Conference, May 1 and 2, is Empowering the Parent Voice. The Conference begins at 7 p.m., May 1 and features keynote speaker, Linda Kaser, an assistant professor in Educational Leadership at the University of Victoria who is an expert in developing networks that sustain learning change. On Friday the Minister of Education, Hon. Shirley Bond is scheduled to speak to delegates at 9:00 a.m. After this there will be a plenary session on Governance, Partners, Groups and Relationships, presented by retired superintendent and current BC Education Leadership Council consultant, Mike McAvoy. Mike will also be presenting an interactive workshop on Working Together in the afternoon. Other workshops include: Making Meetings Work; TeamWorks; Public Speaking; Minute Taking Standards; Laughing Matters, Unfolding the Mystery: PAC/DPAC Finances and Media Training. More information including the brochure and registration form is available on our website.

[BCCPAC Spring Conference](#)

Nominations Deadline February 28

This is a reminder that nominations for the election of open positions on the Board of Directors must reach the BCCPAC office by tomorrow. This year the President; Second Vice President; Secretary; and two Directors will

be elected. More information can be found on our website.

[Nominations Information](#)

Honour a Deserving Member or Student with a BCCPAC Award

The deadline for award applications is March 1st. Member awards include the Bev Hosker Award and the George Matthews Award. The BCCPAC Education Award is for students in grade 12. The Life Membership award has a deadline of March 31st. [Details on BCCPAC Awards](#)

Student Appeals Information Session

On March 25th Parents from across the province attended an information session to learn more about the new process and regulations regarding student appeals. For detailed information on the new student appeals legislation and process go to the following link on our website.

[Information on Student Appeals](#)

Creating Health Futures to be Distributed to Schools

Creating healthy Futures: BC's Healthy Schools Network Assessment Tool is going out to all schools. It was developed to provide schools with a way to monitor health promotion initiatives and set health goals. For your own personal copy see below.

[Creating Healthy Futures](#)

BC Parents to Receive Internet Safety Guides

All B.C. public, independent and band schools will soon receive and distribute parents' guides that will help children stay safe online. The initiative is a result of a partnership between the Provincial Government and the Canadian Centre for Child Protection a charitable organization dedicated to the personal safety of all children. The centre operates two core national programs, Cybertip.ca and Kids in the Know. Cybertip.ca is Canada's tip line for reporting online sexual exploitation of children, while Kids in the Know is a comprehensive education program that teaches children personal safety strategies to prevent abduction and sexual exploitation. For age-specific tips on protecting students using the internet see the website below.

[Age-specific Cybertips](#)

PACs Can Get Discounts on Bike Racks

The provincial government can help your PAC make the most of an investment in bike racks. Procurement and Supply Services for the province recently negotiated an agreement with Vancouver-based Dobra Design for their bike racks and sheds. A variety of bicycle parking systems are now available to all schools in the province at discounted prices. The government is currently negotiating reduced pricing for playground equipment. Click below to learn how to access these discounts:

[Corporate Supply Arrangements](#)

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