

B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils



2010 Annual General Meeting & Spring Conference

Building the Future: Children First

April 16 - 18, 2010



The Road Ahead

Parent Involvement.....Parents as Partners

Attend the exciting and inspiring workshops at the Spring Conference and stay for the AGM. Your voice helps shape the future of the organization.

*The Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites
Vancouver, BC*

Friday April 16, 2010

Breakfast on your own

8:30am Welcome -President Ann Whiteaker and the Hon. MacDiarmid, Minister of Education

9:30am Workshops A-C

Break (provided)

11:30am Keynote—Rob Inrig

Lunch (provided)

2:00pm Workshops D-E

3:30pm Plenary-Keven Elder, BCSSA

4:45pm Closing and prizes

6:45pm Resolutions R Us -Shaping BCCPACs Future

8:00pm Meet the Candidates

Draft Constitution & Bylaws

This year BCCPAC Members are being asked to review & provide feedback on a new BCCPAC Constitution & Bylaws.

Members of the Governance Audit Implementation Committee (GAIC) will be available at the workshop session entitled, Resolutions R Us: which will be happening on Friday afternoon at 2:00pm and repeated on Friday evening at 6:45pm.

Take advantage of this important opportunity to dialogue, ask questions and understand the changes that have been made before voting.

11:30am Understanding Yourself and Your Child *with Rob Inrig*

How you see the world, what you value, and how you spend your free time has a profound impact on how you parent or how you conduct your business. We often miss the fact that those around you, including your children see the world through a very different lens.

These differing points of view can result in unnecessary misunderstandings and conflict or in the formation of dynamic partnerships. In his time with us, Rob will help us to better understand that, we will see what we are prepared to see, and then assist us to respond with a sharpened focus.

3:30pm Looking to the Future of Education *with Keven Elder, BCSSA*

Review some of the key ideas from the workshops and presentations of the day and finish with some timely ideas about the future of public education. Participants will be encouraged to share ideas on what is needed to modernize education to the 21st century. This session is designed to be dynamic, engaging and interactive.

Friday Morning Workshops 9:30am

A: School Emergency Management—an All Hazards Approach (Emergency Preparedness) *with Bernadette Woit*

This session will look at basic Emergency Management in BC – Provincial & Municipal levels; what basics should schools have in place; what do schools need to know – response plans including student release and preparedness planning- such as education, drills and supplies; what can we do to help make this happen, who is responsible for what and what are the next steps to building the future for school emergency management.

B: Positive Resolution of Parent Concerns - It's All About Relationships and Process *with Keven Elder, BCSSA*

Schools are generally very positive places for parents and children, with the majority of interactions between parents and teacher or administrators being positive and forward-looking. There are times, however, when parents need to bring concerns or complaints to the school, often to a principal or vice-principal.

Whether the matter is minor or serious, two key factors will determine whether issues are dealt with properly and with a real prospect of successful resolution. Those two factors are (1) relationships and (2) good, clear and reliable processes for dealing with issues or complaints. This workshop will focus on how to establish both of those factors in a school, and provide parents with insights into how they might work to ensure both are present in their schools.

Friday Afternoon Workshops 2:00pm

D: Extending the Spectrum: getting the parent involvement that we want *with Heidi Hass Gable*

We know that parent involvement increases student success, so how do we increase parent involvement? What is the spectrum of parent involvement in our education system and what do we want it to be? What are the barriers that we run into when trying to be involved?

As parent leaders, we have many questions that face us. In this workshop, we're going to work together to collectively fill in some of the answers, so we can all take away a wealth of ideas to grow the ways that parents can be involved in our own districts and schools!

E: Building Personal Strengths - Victim No More *with Rob Inrig*

Examine the many issues around bully behaviours. Distinguish between powerful and powerless behaviour, strength that is assertive not aggressive while developing the accountability that leads to personal strength.

Rob's approach focuses on building stronger people rather than merely building a stronger, more protected environment.

Saturday April 17, 2010

Breakfast on your own, Lunch and Snacks provided

- 7:30am Registration and Credentials Room open
- 8:30am BCCPAC AGM
 - Welcome
 - Procedure & Rules of Order
 - Board Report
 - Governance Audit
 - Other Reports
 - Financial Statements and Auditor Report
 - Budget
 - Elections
 - Special Resolutions
 - Member Resolutions



Bring your signed Proxy Vote Forms with you to the AGM to exchange for voting card(s).

OR

Submit your form(s) to the office by April 3, 2010 for pre-processing. Save time and pick up your voting card(s) at the AGM!

Sunday April 18, 2010

Breakfast on your own

- 7:30am Registration and Credentials Room open
- 8:30am BCCPAC AGM
 - Welcome
 - Remaining items on the agenda
 - Other and new business
 - Roundtable discussions (if time allows)
- 12:00pm Adjournment, AGM ends

Help steer BCCPAC into the Future



Make your voice heard! All members in good standing have the right to participate at the Annual General Meeting.

Important resolutions are being presented at the 2010 AGM, including a draft Constitution & Bylaws for the organization.

Be one of the voices that guides BCCPAC into the future, send your PAC/DPACs delegate and proxy to the AGM on April 17th & 18th.

Information on Resolutions and Nominations are posted on the website:

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event_calendar/2010AGM.aspx

Friday Morning Workshops 9:30am

C: Building the Future of DPAC: the Power of a Vision

Calling all DPAC Chairs.

This is your opportunity to network, share ideas and information with other DPAC executive and leaders from around the province.

DPACs are uniquely situated to be conduits for parents as partners in education. DPAC chairs are invited to come together for discussions on ways to ensure the continuation and growth of parents as strong partners at all levels of the education system.

Friday Afternoon Workshops 2:00pm

F: Resolutions R Us—Shaping BCCPAC's Future

This session will provide an opportunity for members to learn more about resolution(s) (on the agenda or brand new), and to discuss and ask questions, in advance of our AGM. Members of the Resolutions Committee will be on hand to provide additional guidance. Members of the GAIC will also be in attendance to discuss the draft Constitution and Bylaws. Members submitting resolutions are encouraged to be in attendance to answer any inquiries about their proposals.

An overview will be provided on voting procedures: how to move, amend, and speak to resolutions on the floor. *See the website for detailed description*



Are you new to the AGM or would you like to learn more?

Don't miss the Resolutions R Us: Shaping BCCPAC's Future session, Friday afternoon at 2:00pm or Friday evening at 6:45pm.

It's a great chance to review the proxies, voting and resolution process in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Hotel and Conference Location Information:

The 2010 Spring Conference and AGM will be held at the Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites, located in downtown Vancouver overlooking beautiful English Bay.

The Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites

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http://www.coasthotels.com/hotels/canada/bc/vancouver/coast_plaza/overview



Room rates start at \$119 for two double beds. A limited number of suites with kitchenette have also been set aside (starting at \$159), please book quickly because they will go fast.

The reservation block expires **April 2, 2010**. To obtain the special rate delegates must identify themselves as attending the BCCPAC Conference.

There will be a \$12/day parking charge.

Delegates are responsible for their own reservations, credit cards will be required at check-in.

General Room Amenities:

Alarm Clock, Coffee Maker/Tea, Crib (on request),
Iron & Ironing Board, Hairdryer

Hotel Facilities include:

Large indoor pool, Whirlpool & Sauna, Fitness Centre



Exhibitors

As always, The BCCPAC Spring Conference exhibitors will be available all day Friday. We encourage delegates to visit our exhibitors, who are happy to share their products and information for all PACs and DPACs.

Special Thanks

BCCPAC would like to thank the many volunteers whose tireless efforts and commitment make this event possible. BCCPAC also extends sincere thanks to our sponsors.



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