

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

BCCPAC Spring Conference Complete Details Now on Web site

The theme for the BCCPAC Spring Conference is Our Purpose is Student Success. The complete list of speakers and workshops can now be found on the BCCPAC web site. These include:

- Betty Boulton speaking on *Getting the Most from parent Involvement*;
- Deputy Minister of Education James Gorman, who will take your questions;
- Judy Arnold, speaking on *Measuring Success, Achievement Contracts*; and
- Max Wyman speaking on *Why the Arts Matter in Education*.

Workshops include:

- *Words That Can Change the World* with John Hawkins, parts 1 & 2
- *Minute Taking and Making Meetings Work* with Eli Mina
- *Building Resilience in Children* with Quinn Cashion-Vosburgh
- *Parent Information Resource Coordinators (PIRCs)* presented by some PIRC's and
- *Developing Media Awareness for Your PAC/DPAC* with Terri Smolar

See the complete http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event_calendar.aspx?cid=85

To register for the Spring Conference and AGM mail or fax the registration form to the BCCPAC office.

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/file/2009_AGM_Spring_Conference/2009BCCPACSpringConferenceandAGMRegistrationForm.pdf

BCCPAC Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting, May 2 and 3, delegates, representing their Parent Advisory Council (PAC) or District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) will elect the Board of Directors, debate and vote on resolutions, put forward by the membership, and conduct the business of BCCPAC. Given the contents of the Resolutions Booklet (see below), members will be asked to make some crucial decisions. Member PACs and DPACs are urged to discuss the resolutions and to send a representative to hear the debate. If your PAC or DPAC is unable to send a representative, make sure your PAC or DPAC carefully reviews the contents of the resolutions being proposed and provides detailed instructions to the person who holds the proxy.

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/file/2009_AGM_Spring_Conference/2009ResolutionBooklet-FINA-Revised.pdf

New Rules Regarding Proxies

While all members require a proxy in order to vote at the upcoming AGM, completed proxy forms may now be mailed or faxed to the BCCPAC office. Proxy forms sent to the BCCPAC office must be received by Friday, April 17, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Voting cards for proxy forms registered in this manner may be picked up at the Credentials Desk at the AGM upon proof of identity. The proxy form is contained in the latest mail-out or can be found at the link below. (You will require your member password.)

See the following for details

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/resources/membertoolkit.aspx>

Board Reports for February Now on Web Site

Want to know what your Board of Directors has been doing for the last month? See the

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/representation.aspx> on the web site for a list of the meetings they have attended. Read the Board Reports for the Board Meeting, held February 20-22, 2009, on the BCCPAC members' only web site

(you will need your password). Among them is the report from the AGM Resolutions Approval Committee which indicates the resolutions that were submitted, which were accepted, and which were rejected. You can also read the minutes from the December Board Meeting on the Minutes page, which is also on the members' Only site <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/login.aspx>

AGM Minutes Approval Committee

BCCPAC is continuing to look for volunteers for this important work. We have two more vacancies to fill. The work is not onerous. For a complete explanation, see the policy regarding the AGM Minutes Approval Committee (below). This is also posted on the volunteer opportunities web page.

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/file/policies/2510-AGM_MinutesApprovalCommittee.pdf

Member Communications

A major communications package is in the mail to members, but you can view it before it arrives by going to the [members' only site](#), and clicking on Members' Communications. You will need your member password.

Members' Only Web Page Provides Inside Information

The members' only section of the BCCPAC web site was created so that the Board of Directors could share sensitive information with members. If you haven't visited the page then you may not realize that this is your opportunity to read what really goes on behind the scenes. Here you will find all the minutes from Board meetings, reports by Board members (which tell you what has been going on in meetings with education partners) and all the findings of the Governance Audit Committee. You can also review all member communications that have been sent out by mail. All members have been given a password, but if you cannot remember your PAC or DPAC password then contact gabriellemoore@bccpac.bc.ca to obtain it.

The members' only page is accessible via the member login on the homepage.

Anti-bullying Brochure Sent to all Public Schools

All public schools in BC, as well as all DPACs, have been sent copies of a new brochure: *Keeping Kids Safe – A Guide for Parents of Students in Grades K – 12*. In addition to the English version sent to schools, the brochure is available at [Ministry of Education web site](#) in Arabic, Chinese simplified, Chinese traditional, Filipino, French, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. Print copies may be ordered through the Government Publications Services (quote catalogue no. XX034) at <http://www.publications.gov.bc.ca>.

Guide Updated Due to Changes to School Act

The government publication, *Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools: A Guide* has been updated to reflect changes to the School Act (September 2007) and the introduction of the Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order (October 2007). It is available via a link at <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/resources.aspx> on the BCCPAC web site. The updated pages are provided separately, so they can easily be inserted in the existing version.

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