



BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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Jim Iker, President
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RE: 2013 B.C. CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS - MEMBER RESOLUTIONS

Dear Mr Iker,

At the 2013 BCCPAC Annual General Meeting, member delegates representing Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs) gathered together from around the province to discuss important issues vital to student success and approved several resolutions.

At this time, we would like to bring to your attention the following resolutions:

2013.2 Increased Funding for Literacy Centres

The BCCPAC request additional targeted funding from the BC government to increase the number of intensive reading intervention programs, maintaining a minimum ratio of one highly trained teacher to seven students, to meet eligible students' appropriate needs for this service in school districts.

2013.6 Support of Outdoor Schools

The BCCPAC support reaffirmation of the need for more outside school opportunities for students.

2013.11 On/Off Switches for WiFi Routers and Protocol for the Use of Wireless Devices

BCCPAC calls on Boards of Education:

1. to provide on/off switches to WiFi routers; and
2. to establish a protocol of use that
 - (i) WiFi routers and WiFi/3G functions of computers/laptops/tablets are to be turned on only when they are needed for access to the internet via the wireless network; and
 - (ii) Bluetooth function is to be turned on only if it is needed for accessing other Bluetooth-enabled devices.
3. to observe safety warnings and follow safety instructions in the user manual of iPad by reducing the duration of use under wireless mode and keeping the iPads away from the students' bodies.

Note:

1. and 2.(i) are for schools in which WiFi has been installed.
- 2.(i) and 2.(ii) are for all schools with computers, laptops and tablets that have WiFi/3G/Bluetooth functions.
3. is for schools in which iPads are used.

We have included a compilation of all the approved resolutions from our 2013 annual general meeting and corresponding rationale for your convenience.

We kindly ask that you review these resolutions and provide a written response indicating steps you are prepared to take to address the concerns expressed in these resolutions. We also welcome an opportunity to discuss them in person with your organization at your earliest convenience. If you have any comments or questions please respond to info@bccpac.bc.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Berting". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

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On behalf of the BCCPAC Board of Directors
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