



BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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RE: 2014 B.C. CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS - MEMBER RESOLUTIONS

Dear Ms. Rezansoff,

At the 2014 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 resolution; we kindly ask that you review this resolution **listed in Section A** and provide a written response indicating steps you are prepared to take to address the concerns expressed. We also welcome an opportunity to discuss the resolution in person with your organization at your earliest convenience.

Section A:

2014.23 Board of Education Budget Clarity

BCCPAC call on the BC School Trustees' Association, the BC Association of School Business Officials and the Ministry of Education to, in conjunction with BCCPAC, develop and implement standardized processes to improve the transparency and clarity of preliminary budget information to support parent consultation during the district budget process.

In addition we have listed the following related resolutions (Section B) brought forward by various parties that may be of interest:

Section B:

2014.2 Equitable Funding of Provincially Negotiated K-12 Education Public Sector Employee Wage and Benefit Increases.

BCCPAC urge the BC Government to fully fund all provincially negotiated K-12 education public sector employee wage and benefit increases through a corresponding increase to the School District Operating Budgets.

2014.3 Helping, Not Harming: Supporting Young People in Schools through Effective School Policy

BCCPAC insist the Ministry of Education demonstrate leadership in mandating and supporting school boards and districts to adopt evidence-based policies and practices that can better support young people who may be contravening district policies (i.e., alternatives to suspension).

2014.8 New Public School Funding Model

BCCPAC advocate for revisions to the public school funding model to ensure that student services and classroom supports are protected.

2014.11 Reporting on the Use of Restraint

BCCPAC advocates for processes to ensure, when restraint is used on a student, that the parents are informed as soon as possible that a detailed report of the incident is included in the student's file and sent directly to Principal and District Superintendent.

2014.13 Reporting on Student Removal from Classroom

BCCPAC advocates for processes to ensure that when a student is removed from a classroom for non-educational reasons, the incident is recorded and the parents are notified.

2014.14 History of Residential Schools in the Curriculum

BCCPAC advocates for the inclusion of the Aboriginal Residential School experience in Social Studies curriculums for all school levels using age appropriate education materials.

2014.15 Expanded Basic Training and Professional Development for Teachers

BCCPAC advocates for expanded training at Universities to better equip new teachers to teach to our diverse population.

And be it further resolved that BCCPAC advocates for support and resources for classroom teachers to expand their professional skill sets with respect to teaching to diversity and managing student behaviors.

2014.16 Accountability for School Related Associations

BCCPAC advocates to ensure that all school related associations consult with parents on policy issues and that they have an appeals process that provides for the inclusion of parent representation.

2014.18 Alert Process for Mental Health Conditions

BCCPAC advocates for an alert process which requires that a student's diagnosed mental health conditions be documented in a restricted file. This file must be reviewed and its contents duly considered when making decisions affecting the student.

2014.19 Decisions Related to Expulsion from Classes or Programs

BCCPAC advocates to have parents informed prior to a student being expelled or disqualified from a class or a program.

2014.20 Support for the Draft Curriculum

BCCPAC supports the direction of the new draft curriculum as presented on the website:
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>

2014.21 Requirement to maintain Currency for Teachers

BCCPAC call on the BC Teachers' Council to require that all teaching certificate holders update and maintain their skills to the standard level expected of newly certified certificate holders.

2014.22 Updating Teaching Standards

BCCPAC call on the BC Teachers' Council to complete their review and update current teaching standards for teaching certificate holders prior to the start of the 2015/2016 School Year.

2014.24 Reporting on the use of Seclusion or Isolation

BCCPAC advocates for processes to ensure, when seclusion or isolation is used on a student, that the parents are informed as soon as possible and that a detailed report of the incident is included in the student's file and sent directly to the principal and the district superintendent.

2014.25 Alternatives to Seclusion or Isolation

That BCCPAC advocate for evidence based alternatives to the use of seclusion and isolation that provide effective resolution and preserve and protect the rights of students.

We have included a compilation of all the approved resolutions from our 2014 Annual General Meeting for your 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 "Nicole Makohoniuk", is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

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