



BCCPAC

President's Report

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BCCPAC AGM

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Where have we been

- ▶ First parent organization launched – 1915
- ▶ First provincial organization BC Parent Teacher Federation (BCPTF)–1922
- ▶ Incorporated as a society–1935
- ▶ School Act amended to include PACs–1989
- ▶ BCPTF changed its name to BCCPAC–1990
- ▶ School Act amended to let parents volunteer in schools – 2001
- ▶ School Act amended to include DPACs–2002
- ▶ Ministry funding cuts to BCCPAC in 2009 lead to organization restructuring



*Mrs. W.A. Gidlover
Founder of the first Parent-Teacher Association in BC.*



Why are we here?

BCCPAC is the provincial voice of parents in regards to educational issues within the public education system.

The purposes of BCCPAC are:

- ▶ to promote, support and advance meaningful parent participation throughout the public education system in order to advocate for the success of all students; and
- ▶ through our membership, to promote leadership, communication, cooperation, and representation in British Columbia at the school, school district and provincial levels.

Vision Statement:

- To improve public education for all students by including and supporting parents.

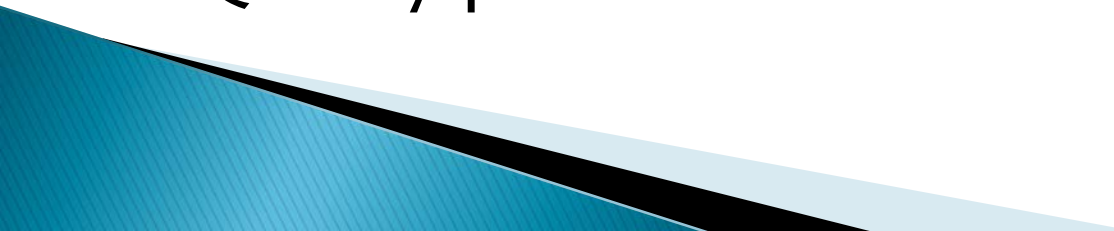


2016–17 Context Board Reorganization

- ▶ Membership and Events
- ▶ Management
- ▶ Resolutions and Advocacy
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Leadership Development
- ▶ Governance Processes
- ▶ Cultural Affairs


2016–17 Context

What are our core values?

- ▶ Parents are respected as equal partners
 - ▶ Advocating for systemic change in the public education system to ensure all students receive the supports and services they need to succeed in school and beyond in a culture that is inclusive for all
 - ▶ Quality public education is the best option
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2016–17 Context

What are our challenges?

- ▶ Building Organizational Trust
 - ▶ Our partner groups may not have a strong sense of who we are and what we stand for
 - ▶ Understanding and communicating that partnership and advocacy cannot be at the detriment of the other
 - We are a non-partisan political special interest group
 - Our special interest is the best education for students
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2016–17 Context

What are our enabling priorities?

- Creating a strong profile for BCCPAC
- Building collaborative relationships, at all levels that include respect
- Build capacity of parent leaders, especially at the DPAC level

Creating a strong profile for BCCPAC

- ▶ Updated website
 - ▶ Focus on Education as an election issue
 - All Party Forum
 - ▶ BCTF Advocacy Works Conference
 - BCCPAC Vendor Table
 - Board attendance
 - ▶ More frequent communication
 - Midterm Board Report
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Building collaborative relationships

- ▶ Joint projects/issues with partner groups
 - DPAC Summit
 - Working meeting between DPAC Chairs and Ministry staff on emerging issues
 - BCTF Conference
 - Articles from partner groups in Our Voice
 - Presentations & Greetings by partner groups at Spring Conference & AGM

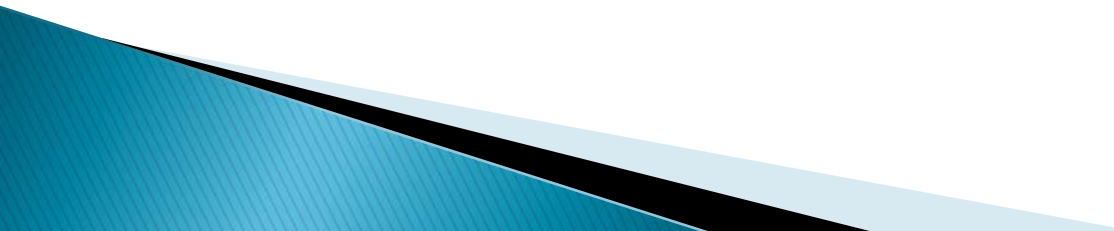
- ▶ External Representation



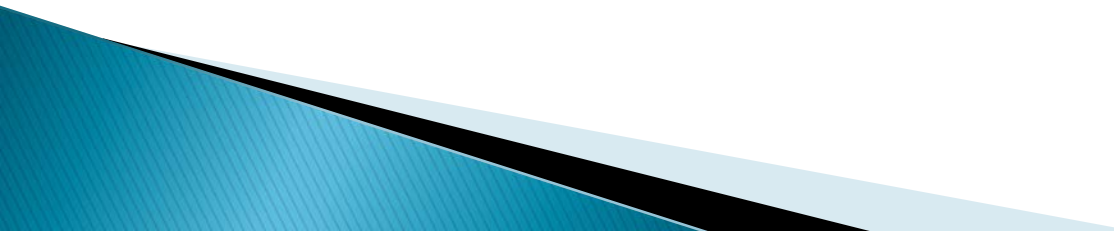
External Representation

- ▶ BC Council on Admissions and Transfers
- ▶ BC School Based Mental Health Coalition
- ▶ BC School Sports
- ▶ BC Teachers Council
- ▶ Canadian Home and School Federation
- ▶ Classroom Resource Framework Development Team
- ▶ Continued Professional Development Advisory Council
- ▶ Education Advisory Council
- ▶ ERASE Bullying Advisory Group
- ▶ First Call Anti-Poverty Coalition
- ▶ First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC)
- ▶ Ministry of Education Scholarships and Awards Review
- ▶ Provincial Advisory Group on Assessment
- ▶ Provincial Advisory Group K-12 Accountability Framework
- ▶ Section 177 education partner discussions
- ▶ Standing Committee on Provincial Curriculum
- ▶ Teacher Regulation Branch
- ▶ Vancouver Island Parent Conference
- ▶ Attending Education Partner sponsored events


Build Capacity of Parent Leaders

- ▶ DPAC Summit
 - ▶ Advocacy Support
 - ▶ Leadership Manual
 - Example of guidelines and practices
 - ▶ DPAC support
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10 Reasons to be a member of BCCPAC

- ▶ Be part of the collective voice recognized by government and education partners, who involve BCCPAC as the provincial voice of parents.
 - ▶ Representing member PACs and DPACs in BC, BCCPAC advocates for systemic changes to the education system.
 - ▶ Create change in the education system by bringing resolutions to the Annual General Meeting, for discussion and support.
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10 Reasons to be a member of BCCPAC (cont.)

- ▶ Participation in nomination and election of BCCPAC Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting.
 - ▶ Networking with other member PACs and DPACs to share information and successes via conference, website and forums.
 - ▶ Keep advised of current educational issues by receiving regular communications.
 - ▶ Opportunities to receive leadership education from skilled experts at our annual conferences.
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10 Reasons to be a member of BCCPAC (cont.)

- ▶ Travel subsidies are available for members through DPAC to attend the DPAC Summit and conferences.
 - ▶ Opportunities to serve on various provincial committees, and to provide feedback through focus groups and surveys.
 - ▶ **By becoming a member of BCCPAC you support the need for a parent voice at the provincial level**
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