



BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

January 13, 2018

Justine Hodge, Chair
Chilliwack District Parent Advisory Council
8430 Cessna Drive
Chilliwack BC V2P 7K4

Dear Justine,

On behalf of the BCCPAC Board of Directors, thank you for the commitment you and the Chilliwack DPAC have to ensure a safe learning environment for all students.

It is deeply disturbing that a letter writing campaign has been initiated against you personally in response to a letter the DPAC sent to the Chilliwack Board of Education.

As a recognized partner of the Chilliwack Board of Education, the Chilliwack DPAC is the official representative of the parent voice in your district. The BCCPAC Board of Directors assert that it is within the mandate and authority of all DPACs to advise on any matter as per the School Act and a letter to inform the board of a decision of the DPAC assembly is well within its rights.

The BCCPAC Board of Directors supports SOGI inclusive education in all BC schools. SOGI inclusive education is about treating everyone with respect, and ensuring that every member of the school community feels valued and safe.

In light of what you and the DPAC are currently facing, the BCCPAC Board of Directors made a unanimous decision at the January 11 board meeting to write the Chilliwack Board of Education to consider a review of the codes of conduct to ensure all members of your school communities – including the DPAC – do not feel intimidated or threatened.

On behalf of the BCCPAC Board of Directors, thank you again for your district leadership and your advocacy on behalf of parents in fostering a culture of acceptance, tolerance of diversity and inclusion in our public schools.

Please let us know if there is any way BCCPAC can support you personally or the Chilliwack DPAC on this issue.

Sincerely,

Jen Mezei
BCCPAC President