



BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2010

Coast Plaza and Suites Hotel, Vancouver, BC

Saturday, April 17, 2010 - Main Ballroom

A. National Anthem – Ingrid Trouw

B. Blessing – Chief Ian Campbell

C. Annual General Meeting is called to order at 8:30 am on Saturday, April 17th, 2010.

- a. **Chairs**
 - Ann Whiteaker, *President*
 - Laurey-Ann Roodenburg, *2nd Vice President*
- b. **Recording Secretaries**
 - Dana Arthurs, *BCCPAC Secretary*
 - Debbie Desroches Fulton, *Recording Secretary*
- c. **Parliamentarian**
 - John Noonan, *Parliamentarian*

D. Introduction of Invited Guests

E. 8:20 am Credentials Report and Quorum Established Dana Arthurs, *Secretary*

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<i>PACs:</i>	776
<i>DPACs:</i>	47
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<i>Quorum (10%):</i>	76
<i>Proxies Carried: 232</i>	
<i>50% + 1 (of proxies carried):</i>	117
<i>2/3 majority (of proxies carried):</i>	155
<i>75% majority (of proxies carried):</i>	174

Motion to approve Quorum report			
Moved Card# 111	District: 44	Member: North Vancouver DPAC, Lisa Cartwright	
Seconded Card # 136	District: 39	Member: Queen Mary Elementary, John Puddifoot	
Carried			

F. Appointment of Sergeants-at-Arms Paul Grieg and Steve Baker

G. Appointment of Timers Suzette Miller,

H. AGM Minutes Approval Committee Nancy Borden , Karen McLennan, Melody Burto

I. Presentation: Parliamentary Procedure for the AGM John Noonan

J. Approval of Conference Rules

Motion to approve Conference rules

Moved Card # 327	District: 79	Member: Cowichan Valley DPAC, Tasha Leone
Seconded Card # 240	District: 68	Member: Nanaimo District Secondary, Kimberlee Howland
Carried		

In the event of a motion to call the question, this right will be provided to the mover prior to calling the vote on the motion to call the question.

Moved Card # 340	District: 61	Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card # 240	District: 68	Member: Nanaimo District Secondary, Kimberlee Howland
Carried		

Motion to If after three (3) voting processes per candidate and no majority (50% + 1) has been achieved by the assembly, the position will be left open.

Moved Card # 240	District: 68	Member: Nanaimo District Secondary, Kimberlee Howland
Seconded Card # 168	District: 6	Member: Rocky Mountain DPAC, Lori Tedrick
Carried		

K. Approval of the Agenda**Motion to accept Agenda**

Moved Card# 327	District: 79	Member: Cowichan Valley DPAC, Tasha Leone
Seconded Card # 240	District: 68	Member: Nanaimo District Secondary, Kimberlee Howland
Carried		

L. President's Report

Ann Whiteaker, President

M. Nominations Committee ReportLaurey-Anne Roodenburg, 2nd Vice President**N. Election Procedures & Candidate Speeches**

Brian Joe, Chief Returning Officer

O. Elections Commence

Position 2010-2011 Elected	Board Member	Time Announced
President	Ann Whiteaker	11:54am
1 st Vice President	<i>vacant</i>	12:47pm
2 nd Vice President	Chris Walford	2:16pm
Secretary	Dana Arthurs	3:10pm
Director	Hollie Tarasewich	3:50pm
Director	Liz Therres	4:19pm

Motion to Destroy Ballots

Moved Card # 130	District: 41	Member: Cameron Elementary, Janet Reid
Seconded Card # 193	District: 62	Member: Spencer Middle, Brenda Cyr
Carried		

P. Treasurer's Report

Ann Whiteaker, President

- a. 2009 Financial Statements
- b. Appointment of Accountant for 2010

Motion that the firm of Dale Matheson, Carr-Hilton be appointed as accountant for BCCPAC fiscal year 2010

Moved Card # 136 District: 39 Member: Queen Mary Elementary, John Puddifoot
Seconded Card # 241 District: 68 Member: South Wellington Elementary, Kimberlee Howland
Carried

c. Budget presented to the Membership for 2010

Q. Governance Audit Report

Susan Wilson, *Chair*

Motion to move to committee as a whole

Moved Card # 340 District: 61 Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card # 240 District: 68 Member: Nanaimo District Secondary, Kimberlee Howland
Carried

11:45am President Ann Whiteaker passes the Chair to Susan Wilson GAIC Chairperson - GAIC committee report was given

Moved into committee as whole

12:45 pm President Whiteaker returns to Chair position

R. AGM Resolutions Acceptance Committee Report

Deborah Garrity, Chair

S. AGM Resolutions Appeals Committee Report

Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, Chair

T. Credentials Report and Quorum Established 12:47pm

Dana Arthurs, Secretary

Membership: 823
PACs: 776
DPACs: 47
Life Members: 8
Associate Members: 1
Total Membership: 832
Voting Members (as of December 15, 2009): 758

Quorum (20%): 152
Quorum (10%): 76

Proxies Carried: 257
50% + 1 (of proxies carried): 130
2/3 majority (of proxies carried): 171
75% majority (of proxies carried): 193

Motion to approve Quorum report

Moved Card # 111 District: 44 Member: North Vancouver DPAC, Lisa Cartwright
Seconded Card # 241 District: 68 Member: South Wellington Elementary, Kimberlee Howland
Carried

Lunch

1:48pm President Ann Whiteaker hands the Chair to Susan Wilson GAIC chairperson

Moved into committee as whole

2:12pm President Whiteaker returns to Chair position

U. Awards Presentation and reports – reports attached

- a. George Mathews Award – Jennifer Mezei
- b. Bev Hosker Motivational Award – Kelly Dvorak

c. BCCPAC Educational Award – Jeremy Christensen

Motion to move to committee as a whole

Moved Card # 340	District: 61	Member: Greater Victoria DPAC John Bird
Seconded Card # 240	District: 68	Member: Nanaimo District Secondary, Kimberlee Howland
Carried		

2:38 pm President Ann Whiteaker passes the Chair to Susan Wilson GAIC chairperson

Moved into committee as whole

3:06 pm President Whiteaker returns to Chair position- *Election results announced*

3:29 pm President Ann Whiteaker passes the Chair to Susan Wilson GAIC chairperson

Moved into committee as whole

4:01 pm President Whiteaker returns to Chair position

V. Special Resolutions to Amend Bylaws

Motion to Refer 1.A and 1.B back to the GAIC for additional consideration

Moved Card # 340	District: 61	Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card # 240	District: 68	Member: Nanaimo District Secondary, Kimberlee Howland
Defeated		

1. A GAIC proposed Constitution

Other - Postponed to Fall Conference 2010

Submitted by: BCCPAC Board of Directors

Be it resolved that

Section 1 & 2 of the Constitution be rescinded and replaced with the following:

1. The name of the Society is “B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils” and is commonly referred to as BCCPAC.
2. The purposes of the Society are:
 - a. To support the success of all students in public education in British Columbia at the school, school district and provincial levels;
 - b. To promote, support and advance meaningful parent participation throughout the public education system through leadership, communication, cooperation, and representation

Rationale:

A. The Board of Directors be authorized to make such non-substantive changes as are required to obtain the consent of the Charities Directorate to the amendment.

B. Part 1 & 2 (a) & (b) of this resolution be filed with the Registrar at a time to be determined by the Board.

Destination:

BCCPAC

Moved Card # 144	District: 41	Member: Byrne Creek Secondary, Janet Reid
Seconded Card # 133	District: 39	Member: Nootka Community Elementary, Shoni Field

Move that the rules be suspended, to postponement of motion past the 90 day limit

Moved Card # 346	District: 38	Member: Richmond DPAC, Eric Yung
Seconded Card # 241	District: 68	Member: South Wellington Elementary, Kimberlee Howland
Defeated		

Motion to challenge the chair

Moved Card # 346	District:38	Member: Richmond DPAC, Eric Yung
Seconded Card # 241	District: 68	Member: South Wellington Elementary, Kimberlee Howland
Defeated		

Motion to count the votes:

Votes Cast - 261
 For- 101
 Against - 160
 Abstentions- 0

Motion to postpone Special Resolution 1.A to fall conference 2010

Moved Card # 341	District: 39	Member: Maple Grove Elementary, Tim Lau
Seconded Card # 241	District: 68	Member: South Wellington Elementary, Kimberlee Howland
Carried		

Motion to call the question

Moved Card # 327	District: 79	Member: Cowichan Valley DPAC, Tasha Leone
Consensus		

1. B GAIC proposed Bylaws*Other - Postponed to Fall Conference 2010***Submitted by: BCCPAC Board of Directors****Be it resolved that**

the existing BCCPAC Bylaws Consolidated as of June 1st, 2008; Amended June 19, 2009 be rescinded and replaced with the Proposed Bylaws dated March 31, 2010.

Rationale:

1. 75% of the members voting must vote in favour of this resolution to pass, and a quorum must be present.
2. The resolution, if it passes, does not take effect until it is filed at the Registrar's office in Victoria.
3. This resolution is the outcome of the Governance Audit which has done a full review of the Constitution & Bylaws, and any needed amendments have been included in this document.
4. Please visit the BCCPAC website under GAIC - Tasks and Deliverables for additional information.
<http://bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/gminutes.aspx>
5. This document addresses a number of problems in the Constitution and Bylaws identified by the members, Board and the Governance Audit Implementation Committee (GAIC) over the last three plus years. The GAIC unanimously supports these changes and recommends them to the Board and membership for acceptance.
6. We believe these changes need to occur in order to provide greater clarity and consistency in the bylaws for the organization.

Destination:

BCCPAC

Moved Card # 241	District: 68	Member: South Wellington Elementary, Kimberlee Howland
Seconded Card #253	District: 5	Member: Steeples Elementary, Krystal Oleson

Motion to refer Special Resolution 1.B to tomorrow

Moved Card # 270 District: 8 Member: Trafalgar Middle School, Kendra Mann
Seconded Card# 115 District: 41 Member: Burnaby DPAC, Jennifer Mezei
Defeated

Motion to postpone Special Resolution 1.B to Fall Conference 2010

Moved Card # 241 District: 68 Member: South Wellington Elementary, Kimberlee Howland
Seconded Card #253 District: 5 Member: Steeples Elementary, Krystal Oleson
Carried

2. Motions advocating change in the education system

Other - Withdrawn

Submitted by: Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (DPAC), SD#61 Victoria

Be it resolved that

The Bylaws be amended to provide that resolutions that advocate for change in the education system will require 60% of the votes cast in order to pass.

Rationale:

As members, we expect our Board to advocate vigorously for resolutions that we pass at our Annual General Meetings. We suggest that in order to justify such action, these resolutions should have the clear support of our membership.

Destination:

BCCPAC

Motion to withdraw resolution #2 “Motions advocating change in the education system”

Moved Card # 340 District:61 Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card # 172 District: 6 Member: Windermere Elementary, Lori Tedrick
Carried

3. Vacant positions to be immediately filled at AGM

Other - Withdrawn

Submitted by: Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (DPAC), SD#61 Victoria

Be it resolved that

As a special resolution that bylaws 5.12 and 5.22 (or the corresponding bylaws should a revised Constitution and Bylaws be passed prior to this resolution) be rescinded, and replaced with the following:

- 5.12 A member of the Board who is in the first year of their term and who wishes to run for a different position (e.g. First Vice-President running for President) shall be permitted to do so without resigning or taking a leave of absence. If the Board member is successful in his or her campaign then the position she or he previously held becomes vacant and the members may immediately elect another person who is qualified under the bylaws to fill the vacancy. If the person is unsuccessful in their campaign they shall continue in their original position for the remainder of their term.
- 5.22 The members may by special resolution remove a Board member before the expiration of his term of office, and may immediately elect another person who is qualified under the bylaws to complete the terms of office.

Rationale:

The membership needs to be able to fill vacancies that may occur at an Annual General Meeting.

Destination:

BCCPAC

Motion to withdraw Resolution #3 “Vacant positions to be immediately filled at AGM”

Moved Card # 340	District:61	Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card # 250	District: 78	Member: Coquihalla Elementary, Paula Douglas
Carried		

4. Parents’ Entitlements and Responsibilities

Carried

Submitted by: BCCPAC Board of Directors

Be it resolved that

That BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to advocate for the amendment of the School Act Section 7(1) (a) to read

Parents’ entitlements and responsibilities

- 7 (1) A parent of a student of school age attending a school is entitled
- (a) to be informed, in accordance with the orders of the minister, of the student’s attendance, and progress in school,
 - (b) to be informed and included in decisions made regarding the behaviour of the student
 - (c) on request, to the school plan for the school and the achievement contract for the school district, and
 - (d) to belong to a parents’ advisory council established under section 8.

Rationale:

Informing parents and including them through respectful dialogue and discussion of their students’ behaviour before decisions are made on how to deal with the behaviour will assist in building partnerships between the school and home. This will result in solutions which will ultimately be more effective and positive for each individual child, family and school community.

Further information:

Current School Act reads:

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Destination:

Ministry of Education

Moved Card # 136	District: 39	Member: Queen Mary Elementary, John Puddifoot
Seconded Card # 323	District: 35	Member: Uplands Elementary, Tracey Wright

W. 5:15 pm Installation of New BCCPAC Board members Ceremony

Motion to extend the meeting to 7pm

Moved Card # 136	District: 39	Member: Queen Mary Elementary, John Puddifoot
Seconded Card # 323	District: 35	Member: Uplands Elementary, Tracey Wright
Carried		

Motion to extend the meeting to 5:45pm

Moved Card # 136	District: 39	Member: Queen Mary Elementary, John Puddifoot
Seconded Card # 323	District: 35	Member: Uplands Elementary , Tracey Wright
Defeated		

R. Continued Member Resolutions

5. Increase of BCCPAC Membership Fee

Carried with amendment

Submitted by: BCCPAC Board of Directors

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC increase its membership fees to \$95.00 per year to take affect for the 2010-2011 year.

Amendment:

BCCPAC increase its membership fees to \$75.00 per year to take affect for the 2010-2011 year.

Rationale

BCCPAC has not increased their membership fees for BCCPAC in over 10 years. This fee increase will assist in the costs of operating the organization.

Destination:

BCCPAC

Moved Card # 277	District: 8	Member: Rosemont Elementary, Jenni Henri
Seconded Card # 236	District: 78	Member: Silver Creek Elementary, Anna Gladue

6. Students as Couriers

Defeated

Submitted by: Quamichan Middle School PAC, SD#79 Cowichan Valley
Kamloops Thompson District Parent Advisory Council, SD#73 Kamloops Thompson

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urgently contact the Ministry of Education to request legislation that will prevent students from being used as couriers for materials intended for their parents. The only exceptions should include official communication from the Ministry of Education, school boards, principals, parent advisory councils and school planning councils.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT BCCPAC inform our education partners of our expectation that this practice will not continue.

Rationale:

Recently, the B.C. Public School Employers' Association negotiated, in camera, an agreement with the B.C. Teachers' Federation to allow teachers to send home materials from the union, expressing their viewpoints on the Foundations Skills Assessment. Neither BCCPAC nor parents in general were consulted prior to this agreement being reached. It will require a legislative change to halt this practice.

Destination:

BCTF
BCPSEA
BCSTA

BCCPAC

Motion to count on amendment to the resolution:

Votes cast: 220

For - 84

Against -136

Abstentions-2

Moved Card # 243	District: 73	Member: Kamloops/Thompson DPAC, Gisela Ruckert
Seconded Card # 314	District: 79	Member: Quamichan Middle School, Tasha Leone

7:18 pm Meeting Adjourned until 8:30 am Sunday April 18, 2010



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X. Credentials Report and Quorum Established 8:46 am Dana

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Motion to approve Quorum report

Moved Card# 136	District: 39	Member: Queen Mary Elementary, John Puddifoot
Seconded Card # 111	District: 44	Member: North Vancouver DPAC, Lisa Cartwright
Carried		

8:47am

R. Continued Member Resolutions

7. Gaming Funding Information *Carried with amendments*

Submitted by: Quamichan Middle School PAC, SD#79 Cowichan Valley

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urgently contact the Ministry of Housing and Social Development to obtain their commitment to inform BCCPAC, DPACs and PAC's regarding funding of their annual Community Gaming Grant by April of every year for the coming year.

Amendment:

BCCPAC urgently contact the Ministry of Housing and Social Development to obtain their commitment to inform BCCPAC, DPACs and PAC's what the funding formula will be for their annual Community Gaming Grant by April of every year for the coming year.

Rationale:

Currently information does not come until the Ministry decides to send it. The Ministry knows its budget by February of every year. Information coming to organizations by April would allow for them to plan more effectively

Destination:

Ministry of Housing and Social Development

Moved Card # 314	District: 79	Member: Quamichan Middle School, Dana Arthurs
Seconded Card # 122	District: 79	Member: Mill Bay Elementary, Tasha Leone

10:12 am

Motion to accept 2009 budget as circulated and presented.		
Moved Card # 340	District: 61	Member: Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card # 240	District: 68	Member: Nanaimo District Secondary, Kim Howland
Carried		

8. Sun Protection Policy	<i>Defeated</i>
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Be it resolved that

BCCPAC advocate for a Sun Protection Policy in all School Districts.

Rationale:

Approximately 90 percent of all non-melanoma skin cancers can be attributed to UV exposure. The crucial period for sustaining damage from sun exposure occurs during the school years. Childhood and adolescent exposure increases the risk of skin cancer later in life. Sun protection policies have been developed in other jurisdictions.

Further information can be found at:

www.bccdc.ca/healthenv/SunUVRays/OudoorUV.htm

Additional links available for Members' only website.

Destination:

Ministry of Education

Moved Card #284	District 61	Member: Sir James Douglas Elementary, John Bird
Seconded Card #338	District 68	Member: Brechin Elementary, Andrea Shortt Patton

9. Funding for non-designated students in need	<i>Carried with amendments</i>
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Submitted by: Nanaimo-Ladysmith DPAC, SD#68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to mandate School Districts to formally assess all non-designated students showing learning or behavioural challenges from kindergarten on and then provide what is deemed necessary for those children to achieve successfully without affecting financial and physical supports already in place so that the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Government can then properly fund every students' right to basic education.

Amendment:

BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to mandate School Districts to pre-screen all new and Kindergarten students as well as providing ongoing appropriate assessment for all students, as needed, including for learning and behavioural challenges, so that students who qualify for Ministry funding and/or IEP's can be formally assessed, have designations put in place, and have learning interventions implemented in a timely manner.

And that Ministry of Education is to work with other appropriate ministries to ensure adequate funding for this initiative.

Rationale:

To properly fund the Basic Public Education to support with E/A help the many children without a designation but are still in desperate in need of time and resources that qualify for no help at all in the classrooms because most assessments are not done until grade four but usually in grade seven.

Destination:

Ministry of Education Provincial Government

Motion to count on amendment to the resolution:

Votes cast - 229

For - 124

Against - 105

Abstentions - 7

Moved Card #350	District: 68	Member: Nanaimo Ladysmith DPAC, Carlos Pereira
Seconded Card # 338	District: 68	Member: Brechin Elementary, Andrea Shortt Patton

10:30am - Recognition ceremony for 2009/2010 departing Board members.

10. Updating Designations

Carried with amendments

Submitted by: Nanaimo-Ladysmith DPAC, SD#68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Government to review and re-classify the level of designations so that current conditions including but not limited to ADD/ADHD, developmental delay, sensory disorders be recognized, acknowledged and funded accordingly.

Amendment:

BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Government to review and re-classify the level of designations so that additional learning differences including but not limited to ADD/ADHD, developmental delay, sensory disorders be recognized, acknowledged and funded accordingly.

Rationale:

These children do have needs, and currently the funding it takes to support these children is taken from designated children.

Destination:

Ministry of Education Provincial Government

Moved Card # 338	District: 68	Member: Brechin Elementary, Andrea Shortt Patton
Seconded Card # 149	District: 41	Member: Cascade Heights Elementary, Jennifer Mezei

Submitted by: Comox Valley DPAC, SD#71 Comox Valley
 Quamichan Middle School PAC, SD#79
 Cowichan Valley Ecole Puntledge Park
 Elementary PAC, SD#71 Comox Valley

Be it resolved that:

BCCPAC lobby for a Ministerial Order stating that the Ministry of Education and School Districts, as part of their emergency mitigation and response policies and plans, clarify responsibility for the supervision and care of their students both during and after an emergency incident or disaster in their area and until such time as the students have been picked up by a parent, guardian or authorized adult.

Amendment:

BCCPAC request a Ministerial Order, similar in concept to the BC Ministry of Education Anaphylaxis Protection Order, stating that the Ministry of Education and School Districts, as part of their emergency mitigation and response policies and plans, adopt the North American and province wide Incident Command System used by Emergency Services and government organizations to assign responsibility for the supervision and care of their students both during and after an emergency incident or disaster in their area and until such time as the students have been picked up by a parent, guardian or authorized adult.

Rationale:

Parents need to know that schools have an all hazards emergency preparedness plan that includes supervision of their children after an emergency incident or disaster that occurs while their children are at school. The criteria of care should be based on the hazard assessment done for the School District, and care should be provided by a sufficient number of individuals with criminal record background checks, for the duration that may be required after a serious disaster until children have been picked up by a parent, guardian or authorized adult.

Currently, different schools and different School Districts have varying levels of preparedness for such an event, often putting students at risk where there is no adequate plan.

This inadequacy was demonstrated recently on Vancouver Island when heavy flooding in the fall of 2009 caused the evacuation of students in schools. Incomplete or non-existent procedures, plans and protocols created significant confusion about dismissal, evacuation locations and student pickup - all of which put students at risk and exposed deficiencies that have serious implications, particularly in the event of a more severe emergency.

We must not wait for a Haiti or a Chile to prepare for the care of our children should an evacuation or disaster occur while they are at school.

It is recommended that enforcement by means of a Ministerial Order be sought to resolve the issue of responsibility. It is imperative that School Districts accept responsibility in policy and emergency preparedness plan implementation, in particular the care and responsibility of students in an emergency situation.

Also, as a template for excellence in emergency preparation for the protection of children at school, we recommend following the procedures as outlined in the North Shore Emergency Preparedness Manual. This manual has been endorsed by the Provincial Emergency Program and the Justice Institute of BC and follows the Incident Command System that all BC First Responders use.

Destination:

BC Minister of Education
 BC Attorney General
 BC Principals and Vice-Principals Association
 BC Teachers' Federation
 BC School Trustees' Association

BC Superintendents' Association
 Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General for (Provincial Emergency Program and Emergency Social Services)
 Ministry of Children & Family Development
 Ministry of Labour & Citizens' Services (Worksafe BC and Workers Compensation Act)

Moved Card # 174	District: 71	Member: Comox DPAC, Kelly Broom
Seconded Card # 149	District: 41	Member: Cascade Heights Elementary, Jennifer Mezei

Motion to move Resolution #16 above # 12		
Moved Card# 340	District: 61	Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card # 327	District: 79	Member: Cowichan Valley DPAC, Tasha Leone
Carried		

Resolutions from the floor

F12. (previously #16) Student Records Carried with amendments

Submitted by: Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, SD#61

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC advocate for processes, policies and/or legislation that provides for the following with respect to student records:

- Parents immediately receive a copy of the following materials when added to a student record:
 - Student Learning Plans
 - Individual Education Plans
 - Formal or informal assessments relating to any type of learning disability or designation
 - Behaviour Plans
 - Documents critical of a student or in the nature of discipline
- Student and Parents are provided an opportunity to attach a written rebuttal to any material critical of a student

Amendment:

BCCPAC advocate for processes, policies and/or legislation that provides for the following with respect to student records:

- Parents immediately receive a copy of the following materials by mail, email or in person when added to a student record:
 - Student Learning Plans
 - Individual Education Plans
 - Formal or informal assessments relating to any type of learning disability or designation
 - Student Behaviour Management Plans
 - Student Safety Plans
 - Documents critical of a student or in the nature of discipline
- Student and Parents are provided an opportunity to attach a written rebuttal to any material critical of a student and any such rebuttal will be added to the student records

Rationale:

This resolution supports the protection of student rights and administrative fairness similar to that provided for adults in the public education system.

The following is an example of adult rights as excerpted from the collective agreement between the Greater Victoria School District and the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association.

“Material critical of the teacher, or in the nature of a reprimand, may only be placed in the personnel file as described in Article L.E.6.1 above.

- a. When such material is placed in the teacher’s file, the teacher shall receive a copy without delay.
- b. A teacher shall have the opportunity to attach a written rebuttal to any material critical of the teacher, or in the nature of a reprimand, contained in the personnel file.
- c. The teacher may apply to have this material removed three (3) years after the filing provided that no further material of that nature has been subsequently filed. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied.”

Similar rights should exist for students

Destination:

BCCPAC

Motion to count the votes:

Votes cast – 297

For – 115

Against – 82

Abstentions - 14

Moved Card #340	District 61	Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card #299	District 61	Member: Frank Hobbs Elementary, Wendy Joyce

F13. (previously #12) Advocating for Students’ Rights *Carried with amendments*

Submitted by: Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, SD#61

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC advocated for the rights of student in the public education system as the need arises.

Amendment:

BCCPAC advocates for the rights of students in the public education system as the need arises with respect to systemic issues.

Rationale:

The BCCPAC Board does not advocate on an issue unless direction has been provided through previous member resolution(s).

This creates serious challenges when attempting to respond to emerging issues. This resolution would allow and direct the Board to respond on a timely basis regarding issues that affect the rights of our children.

Destination:

BCCPAC

Moved Card # 340	District: 61	Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card # 299	District: 61	Member: Frank Hobbs Elementary, Wendy Joyce

F14. (previously #13) Advocating for Equal Rights for Students *Carried with amendments*

Submitted by: Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, SD#61

BCCPAC

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC advocates for the equal rights of students when others in the education system are exercising their own rights.

Amendment:

BCCPAC advocates for the equal rights of students when other stakeholders in the public education system are exercising their own rights.

Rationale:

This resolution speaks to situations where the rights of adults have been upheld but the rights of students have not even been considered.

A recent example is the so-called “students as couriers” issue. Through arbitration, teachers’ rights to freedom of expression were upheld to include sending political information to parents using students to carry the material home.

The right of students not to be exploited for this purpose was not even considered. This resolution would promote the concept that when adult rights are being considered, any competing rights of students will be equally considered before arriving at a decision.

Destination:

BCCPAC

Moved Card # 340	District: 61	Member: Greater Victoria DPAC, John Bird
Seconded Card # 299	District: 61	Member: Frank Hobbs Elementary, Wendy Joyce

F15. Intervenor Status for Students and Parents *Defeated*

Submitted by: Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, SD#61

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC advocates for Intervenor Status rights in quasi-judicial and labour dispute processes to ensure that their position may be heard when the judgement on a particular case may affect the individual or group rights of students or parents.

Rationale:

This resolution directs that BCCPAC advocate for a legal mechanism to ensure that student and parent have the opportunity to be represented in cases that may affect their rights.

An intervener, in legal terms, is a party who does not have a substantial and direct interest but has clearly ascertainable interests and perspectives essential to a judicial determination.

Destination:

BCCPAC

Moved Card # 340	District: 61	Member: Greater Victoria DPAC , John Bird
Seconded Card # 292	District: 61	Member: Spectrum Community School, Karen Coleman

Motion to extend the meeting 30 minutes

Moved Card# 323
Seconded Card # 353
Carried

District: 35
District: 35

Member: Uplands Elementary, Tracey Wright
Member: Langley DPAC, Megan Dykeman

Meeting Adjourned at (12:35pm)
Recording Secretary: Dana Arthurs