BCCPAC Representation Report

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Name of Event: B C College of Teachers Conference

Date of Event: November 20 & 21, 2008

Location of Event: Hotel Vancouver

There were approximately 200 attendees representing education partners from all over BC, across Canada as well as international guests from the U.K. and Australia.

The focus of the conference was on professional standards for educators. I attended workshops on:

Recent court decisions and how they affect discipline decisions.

Alternative Dispute resolution.

An introduction to the new DVD resource on boundary violations titled "Keeping You and Your Students Safe"

During the conference I had the opportunity to speak with delegates from the U.K and Australia and learned about innovative ways they are dealing with ensuring that individuals who work with children are safe to do so. Some of their programs may provide the basis for a solution to the challenges identified in the effectiveness of BC's current criminal records checks. I have contacted Richard Walker, Chair of BCCT, and invited him to discuss the potential of exploring these ideas.

During one of the presentations I attended the presenter made reference to the Steve Dotto session that she had attended at our recent Fall Conference. I also met a principal from Kamloops who when he learned that I was representing BCCPAC commented on how impressed he was by the work done at our Fall Conferences. He told me that he always knows when one has taken place because he always has a couple of parents bubbling with excitement upon their return from it.

Respectfully Submitted;

Ron Broda, President