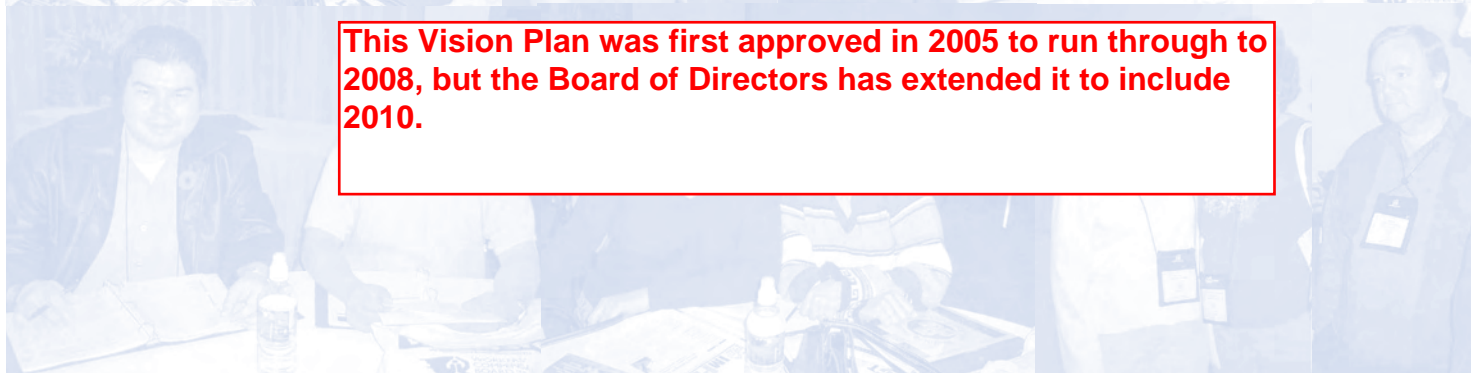




**BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFEDERATION OF
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS**



This Vision Plan was first approved in 2005 to run through to 2008, but the Board of Directors has extended it to include 2010.



VISION PLAN

2005-2008

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

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Introduction

The 2005-2008 Vision Plan continues the Board's efforts to define and focus the work of BCCPAC over the next three years. In June of 2004, we framed a new Vision Statement for the organization and this Statement guided the Board's efforts to create a proactive and realistic Vision Plan.

This document is the product of many people working together. In June, October, and December 2004 the Board worked with a facilitator to identify and examine key strategic issues, past activities and achievements. The Vision Plan and accompanying Goals and Initiatives were created. Anticipated outcomes and initial action strategies for each goal and initiative have been developed. Member input through surveys and discussion groups greatly assisted the Board in developing these Goals and Initiatives. In February 2005 the Board further augmented and refined the work done in the previous year, which evolved into the Vision Plan that is presented in this document.

Our Mission

- The collective voice of parents for the best possible public education of all children in British Columbia.

Our Purpose:

- To advance the public school education and well-being of children in the province of British Columbia.
- To carry on activities to promote and enhance meaningful parent participation in an advisory role at the school, school district, and provincial levels.

Our Vision:

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

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Vision Plan Goals, Initiatives and Anticipated Outcomes

SUPPORT

GOAL: To inform, include and support Parents, Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs) to engage and build their active involvement in the BC public education system.

INITIATIVE:

To develop and enhance strategies to support parents, PACs, DPACs and BCCPAC through: Education, Diversity, Advocacy, Sustainability and Communication.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES FOR INITIATIVE:

EDUCATION:

- Parent leaders are well supported and educated in all districts in order to enhance parental voices.
- Expanded and developed educational resource materials that support our membership.

DIVERSITY:

- Increased diversity awareness of our membership.
- Increased diverse representation and participation at all PACs, DPACs and BCCPAC.

ADVOCACY:

- New and innovative methods have been implemented that support the provincial and district advocacy projects.
- Member resolutions and ongoing collaborations with education partners, locally and provincially has effected change in Public Education.

SUSTAINABILITY:

- A minimum of two funding opportunities have been secured through alternative sources for long term-sustainability of the organization
- A mentorship program has been developed to support healthy succession at the school, district and provincial levels.

COMMUNICATION:

- PACs and DPACs have improved communication with and support from BCCPAC.
- Enhanced media opportunities have promoted our organization and represented the views of our membership.

PARTNERSHIP

GOAL: To strive towards effective, inclusive and diverse partnerships.

INITIATIVE A:

To expand our ability to effect change through diverse internal partnerships

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES FOR INITIATIVE A:

- Board members are well informed and have greater knowledge about what affects parents and their children.
- Members are well informed about the roles and relationships between PACs, DPACs, BCCPAC and educational partners.
- BCCPAC has increased credibility as the voice of parents

INITIATIVE B:

To expand our ability to effect change through diverse external representation.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES FOR INITIATIVE B:

- BCCPAC has effective relationships with educational partners
- BCCPAC is included in education partners' major meetings and events
- BCCPAC has increased the effectiveness of the voice of parents

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Organization Context

A BRIEF HISTORY IN TIME:

BCCPAC's roots go as far back as 1895 when Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell led the first Canadian Parents Association. In British Columbia, the first official school parent organization was formed in 1915. In 1922, over 283 delegates from more than 60 Parent Teacher Associations, from around the province, met to outline a plan to form a provincial federation to promote parent involvement in all schools in the province. This led to the establishment of the BC Parent Teacher Federation in 1935.

In 1987, The Royal Commission on Education conducted a study, reviewing the public education system. Many recommendations were made and as a result in 1989 the BC Government amended the School Act. Consequently, recognition of Parent Advisory Councils, parents' entitlements and responsibilities and the formation of Parent Advisory Councils occurred.

This resulted in the change of our name to British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) and the writing of a new constitution, in 1994.

In 2002, more legislative changes occurred including the recognizing of District Parent Advisory Councils; and their role and right to advise school boards; and School Planning Councils (SPCs) were established and it was mandated that three parents would sit on these councils. The SPCs were charged with the responsibility of creating an annual school plan for improving student achievement.

Today BCCPAC continues its work as a provincial non-profit organization to ensure that parents have a voice in the education of their children and that the BC public education system stays focused on the needs of the children. We support parents in navigating the education system and to exercise their and their children's education rights.

*Please visit our website at
www.bccpac.bc.ca*

LEADERSHIP:

The Vision Plan is the tool which ensures Board Members, Contractors, and Staff are working in a synchronized manner in the pursuit of common goals.

Progress on our Vision Plan will be made year by year through action strategies developed for each Goal and Initiative. The Board, with support from staff, will take leadership in following through with the Goals and Initiatives. Throughout the term of the Vision Plan we will seek member involvement to help achieve the goals.

TRACKING SUCCESS:

Inevitably a Vision Plan has to address issues of measurability. How do we know we are making progress towards our goals? How will we know when we have arrived at our end destination? The anticipated outcomes as described under each initiative will enable us to track and measure our success.

Regular Board meetings will allow us to track progress, update and to review and refine initiatives as needed. Ongoing communications with our members will be an integral part of tracking our success.

Our Path to the Vision

Identified action strategies to achieve the anticipated outcomes will include:

SUPPORT

- To build a mentorship program for succession of PACs, DPACs, and BCCPAC
- To revitalize BCCPAC communication platforms to better connect and respond to our members, education partners, and general public

PARTNERSHIP

- Outreach to members by BCCPAC Board members attending and addressing a minimum of 20 DPAC and 30 PAC meetings a year across the province
- Seek speaking and display exhibit opportunities at education partner events



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