

Our Vision: *To improve public education for all students by including and supporting parents*

First Governance Audit Status Report

BCCPAC members can review the progress being made with the Governance Audit by viewing the first status report from the governance consultants. It is in the members' only section of the website and can be reached from the "About Us" section. See [Governance Audit Status Report No. 1](#). (You will need your login and password to view this.)

BCCPAC Responds to Media Inaccuracies

BCCPAC President Kim Howland sent a letter to all members on March 18 to set the record straight regarding misinformation about BCCPAC published by the media in articles and blogs. On March 4 BCCPAC sent out a news release regarding the allocation of playground grants, a subject that was also widely misinterpreted in the media. To read both the letter and the news release go to [What's New](#) on the BCCPAC website.

BCCPAC Constitution and Bylaws Further Revised

This revised version of the Constitution & Bylaws Unofficial Complete Consolidation includes minor amendments to bylaws 5.11, 5.17 and 5.19 which were not included in the earlier version. The remainder of the information remains the same. Please discontinue use of the earlier version and replace it with the attached March 10, 2008 version. See hyperlinks below. Should you have any questions about the Governance Audit, please feel contact Carla Giles at the BCCPAC office: 1-800-866-529-4397 (toll-free) 604-687-4433 (local) e-mail carlagiles@bccpac.bc.ca. To view the revised Constitution & Bylaws Unofficial Complete Consolidation see hyperlink.

[Revised BCCPAC Constitution & Bylaws](#)

AGM & Spring Conference Discounts Expire Next Week

The discounted block of rooms for BCCPAC delegates attending the annual general meeting at the Richmond Radisson President Hotel and Suites expires Tuesday, April 1st and the early bird AGM and Spring Conference registration discount expires Wednesday, April 2nd. To register for the AGM & Spring Conference go to the hyperlink below, print out the registration form and fax it to BCCPAC at 604-687-4488.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/resources/whatsnew/annualmtg.aspx>

Delegates are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. The discounted room rate is \$119.00 + tax (single/double occupancy – per night/per room). To make a reservation call (toll-free) 1-888-201-1718 or (in Lower Mainland) 604-276-8181 or e-mail: reservations@radissonvancouver.com. For more details on the annual general meeting see:

[BCCPAC Annual General Meeting](#)

Volunteers Needed for AGM

BCCPAC is looking for volunteers to serve on the Annual General Meeting Minutes Approval Committee. This committee is struck annually to review and approve the business minutes of the AGM on behalf of the membership. For complete details and application form see below.

[volunteer for AGM Minutes Approval Committee](#)

Royal Bank After-School Program Grants

RBC is calling for applications for the 2008-2009 school year for its After-School Program Grants. In its 10th year, RBC is offering up to \$2.5 million in grants, \$900,000 of which is set aside to fund as many as 23 first-time grant recipients. The grants are awarded by regional panels made up of youth and education experts to a limited number of community-based charitable organizations, including schools. Each organization should have a mandate to keep students in grades K-12 safe as well as positively engaged through an enriched curriculum after their classes end each day. RBC After-School Grants are provided by RBC Foundation and range between \$25,000 and \$40,000. **The deadline for funding applications is April 28, 2008.** Grant recipients will be advised by July 2008. Information on the program can be found at:

<http://www.rbc.com/community/donations/after-school/index.html>

Funding Deadline for Exploration Camps Extended to March 31st

Through the Explorations program, 2010 Legacies Now will provide schools and school districts up to \$7,000 per camp offering children's summer programs. The program is specifically designed to reach, students from kindergarten to grade seven, facing issues of access and/or equity to participate in summer activities. It encourages schools and community groups to partner together in offering fun, unique programs that complement the school curriculum. For more information call Meghan Hunter at 1-866-427-2010 ext. 5137 or email explorations@2010LegaciesNow.com. To review guidelines and download an application form, see hyperlink below.

[Explorations summer camps](#)

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