

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

Ron Broda New President

Ron Broda, of SD# 63, Saanich, is the new President of BCCPAC. Ron has been on the BCCPAC Board of Directors since 2005, holding the position of First Vice-president twice and the position of Director prior to that. For more information on Ron and the other Board members, including new Directors, Suzette Miller and Stephanie Longstaff see below.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/2008-09board.aspx>

Reminder: June 30 Nominations Deadline for By-election

A by-election will be held this fall to elect representatives to the positions of First Vice-president, Secretary and Director. You can download the nominations form for the fall by-election and access more information regarding the by-election at the following hyperlink. Remember, members will need to renew their membership in order to vote in the by-election. BCCPAC membership expires August 31, 2008.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/boardofdirectors/by-election.aspx>

Interim By-election Policy

At the June BCCPAC Board of Directors' Meeting a by-election policy was passed. This is an interim policy that will govern the upcoming by-election this fall. A document with frequently asked questions about the by-election is also available.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/boardofdirectors/by-election.aspx>

Updated Constitution and Bylaws Available

The governance auditors have delivered a newly revised BCCPAC Constitution and Bylaws and an annotated version of the same document. This supersedes all previous copies. Both documents are available on the website.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/bylaw.aspx>

Call for Volunteers

This is your opportunity to learn more about the education system and your confederation. BCCPAC is seeking volunteers to serve on the following committees: Education Partners Group, Standing Resolution Committees, Life Membership Award Sub-committee, BC Educational Award Sub-committee, George Matthews Award Sub-committee, Bev Hosker Motivational Award Sub-committee, Nominations Committee, List Serve Oversight Committee, Resolutions Committee, Resolution Appeals Committee, AGM Minutes Approval Committee.

For more information see the website <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/volunteer.aspx>

Fall Conference October 23 – 26

The 2008 Fall Conference program will be featured on the BCCPAC website as soon as it is available and the speakers are confirmed. The conference will take place at the Hilton Hotel Metrotown in Burnaby. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar and join us. BCCPAC membership forms received by July 20 will be entered in a draw to win a free conference registration.

Disposition of Resolutions from 2008 AGM

The disposition of the resolutions from the 2008 Annual General Meeting is now available in the members' only section of the website. It was sent out with the recent member mail-out and can be accessed, along with the other materials in the mail-out, from the member communications link on the following page. <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/resources/membertoolkit/membersinfo.aspx>

Governance Survey Results Now Available

The Governance Audit Stakeholder Survey Report, which outlines the results of the online survey sent to all members, is available on the members' only section of the website.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/gminutes.aspx>

Provide Your Input Regarding Early Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten

The Early Childhood Learning Agency (ECLA) recently released its consultation paper on the feasibility of providing full-day kindergarten for five-year-olds, plus providing parents with the choice of day-long pre-kindergarten for four-year-olds by 2010 and for three-year-olds by 2012. The ECLA was established by the BC Government in the 2008 Throne Speech. It is seeking input from the public and parents by July 18. To read the report and comment on it go to:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ecla/>

Government Provides \$50,000 Grant to Teach Students Dangers of Crystal Meth

The provincial government is providing the Crystal Meth Society of British Columbia with a \$50,000 grant to expand its Crystal Meth School Show program. This program travels throughout BC to educate students about the dangers of using crystal meth. According to the president of the Society, Mark McLaughlin, the show has been seen by 25,000 students to date. For more information on crystal meth and other drugs see the links below.

<http://no2meth.ca/gettinghelp.aspx>

<http://www.crystalmethbc.ca/>

Crystal Meth Education Grants

Funds are still available for crystal meth parent education grants. This grant offers up to \$1,000 for parent groups, such as DPACs, to bring in experts to teach parents to prevent drug abuse and recognize the warning signs of drug use. Consider hosting a crystal meth education presentation for the 2008-2009 school year.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/resources/membertoolkit/membersinfo.aspx>

Provincial Exam Results Available Online

Students wishing to learn their results in the provincial examinations can do so at the hyperlink below.

Students require their PEN (personal education number) to login.

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp>

Child Booster Seats Provided for Low Income Families

The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation has established the Child Car Seat Fund to help low-income families access the child car seats and booster seats that will be required by law July 1. The Foundation has set aside \$100,000 to match gifts from donors to purchase child car seats and distribute them primarily through Family Resource Programs in every region of the province. According to BCCAA, over 1,300 children under nine years old are injured or killed in motor vehicles collisions. That's the rough equivalent of five elementary schools. If you make a donation to the Child Car Seat Fund the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation will match your donation, dollar for dollar. To learn more see below.

www.childseatinfo.ca

<http://www.tsfbcaa.com/content/custompages/news.aspx>

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