



Resolutions Booklet

B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

2009 Annual General Meeting

(Including Late and Appealed Resolutions)

May 2 - 3, 2009

**Radisson President Hotel & Suites Vancouver Airport
Richmond, BC**

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Notice of Special Resolutions

The Board of Directors of the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils hereby gives notice of special resolutions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws.

These resolutions will be debated and voted on at the Annual General Meeting of the society to be held on Saturday May 2nd, 2009 at 8:30 am at the Radisson President Hotel and Suites Vancouver Airport,
8181 Cambie Road, Richmond, BC V6X 3X9.

Dated at Burnaby, British Columbia, February 21, 2009.



By: Ron Broda, President

Special Resolutions

It is advisable for all our members to refer to the current BCCPAC Constitution & Bylaws, which can be found on our website (<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/bylaw.aspx>), when considering the following special resolutions.

1. Special Resolution to Remove Stephanie Longstaff from Office of Director of The B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

Submitted by:

Stelly's Secondary PAC (SD63, Saanich)

Be it resolved that

"That pursuant to section 31 of the Society Act and bylaw 5.22, Stephanie Longstaff be removed from her office as a director of British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, and that a person who is qualified under the bylaws be immediately elected to serve the balance of her term."

Rationale:

BCCPAC has received legal advice that no rationale be included with this resolution, except perhaps something to the effect that reasons will be presented and discussed at the AGM. Anyone interested in discussing this resolution in advance can directly contact the proposer.

Destination:

BCCPAC Members

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

2. Call for President Broda to be Removed

Submitted by:

Sooke Parent Advisory Council (SD 62, Sooke)

Be it resolved that

in accordance with By-Law 5.22 in our Constitution and By-Laws, specifically "Removal of Board Members by Members, the Members hereby require the removal of Ron Broda from the Position of President effective immediately on the outcome of the passing of this resolution at the 2009 AGM.

Rationale:

BCCPAC has received legal advice that no rationale be included with this resolution, except perhaps something to the effect that reasons will be presented and discussed at the AGM. Anyone interested in discussing this resolution in advance can directly contact the proposer.

Destination:

The BCCPAC Board of Directors
BCCPAC Members

CARRIED

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OTHER

3. Special Resolution to Rescind Bylaw 7.02(f), Regarding Appointments to Committees

Submitted by:

Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (SD 61, Greater Victoria)

Be it resolved:

As a special resolution that bylaw 7.02 (f) be rescinded.

Rationale:

Section 6.08 of the Bylaws states, "Appointment of chairpersons and internal committee members shall be made by motion of the Board."

Section 6.10(a) states, "The Board may appoint representatives to external committees or in liaison positions to external organizations."

Section 7.02(f) states that the President shall, "appoint members to committees in consultation with other Board members as the President sees fit."

The annotated version of the Constitution and Bylaws suggests that the appointment of members to committees "is often a job for the Board as a whole, and it may be helpful from a governance perspective if it does the appointing."

To summarize, we believe that Section 7.02(f) is redundant and the power to appoint appropriately belongs with the Board.

The Board believes that it is in the best interest of BCCPAC to wait for the recommendations of the audit before any substantial changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are made. Any changes made prior to the completion of this process may have unintended consequences that may require remedy through additional amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

The board recommends that this resolution be referred to the Governance Audit Implementation Committee to be considered during the process of revising the Constitution and Bylaws.

Destination:

BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)

CARRIED
DEFEATED

OTHER

4. Bylaw Amendments, to Provide Process for Major Amendments to the Bylaws or Constitution

Submitted by:

Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (SD 61, Greater Victoria)

Be it resolved:

As a special resolution that bylaw 9.03 be rescinded and replaced, and bylaw 9.04 be added, as follows:

“9.03 Such action to amend the Constitution or Bylaws shall require sixty days written notice of the proposed amendment to all members in good standing, with the exception of a resolution to amend or replace more than one half of the Bylaws, or section 1 or 2 of the Constitution, in which case 120 days written notice is required.

9.04 In the event that a proposed amendment of the constitution or bylaws or both of them requires 120 days written notice under bylaw 9.03, then members have the right to submit special resolutions to amend the proposed amendments for 30 days after the date on which notice is given to them. Such an amending resolution may only be considered if the special resolution it proposes to amend is first passed at the general meeting.”

Rationale:

BCCPAC is currently undergoing a major renovation to its Constitution and Bylaws. The stated process for the Governance Audit does not include sufficient opportunities to debate specific sections. This resolution would ensure that anytime a major change to the Constitution and Bylaws is contemplated, the members will have sufficient opportunity to edit the final draft.

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Destination:

The B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)

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5. Change Term of Office of Directors to One Year

Submitted by:

Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (SD 61, Greater Victoria)

Be it resolved:

As a special resolution that bylaws 5.01 – 5.21 be rescinded and replaced with the following, and that bylaws 5.22 – 5.26 be renumbered as bylaws 5.21 – 5.25.”

“Board of Directors

- 5.01 *At the annual general meeting the voting members must elect the following officers and directors, for a term of one year:*
(a) President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President; and
(b) a number of additional directors, the number of which is determined by ordinary resolution.

Treasurer and Secretary May be Elected

- 5.02 *At the annual general meeting the voting members may elect a Treasurer or a Secretary or both, for a term of one year.*

Treasurer Not Elected

- 5.03 *If a Treasurer is not elected at the annual general meeting, or appointed after nomination by a member Parent Advisory Council according to Bylaw 5.18, the Board may appoint the Treasurer. A Treasurer so appointed is not a director but is entitled to receive notice of, attend, and speak at, but not vote at, Board meetings.*

Secretary Not Elected

- 5.04 *If a Secretary is not elected at the annual general meeting, or appointed after nomination by a member Parent Advisory Council according to Bylaw 5.18, the Board may appoint a Secretary. A Secretary so appointed is not a director but is entitled to receive notice of, attend, and speak at, but not vote at, Board meetings.*

Eligibility

- 5.05 *A nominee for election or appointment as a director or officer under bylaws 5.01, 5.02 and 5.18 must be:*
a) a member in good standing of a Parent Advisory Council that is a member of the Society, and
b) nominated in writing by that Parent Advisory Council, as shown by the signatures of two of its directors.
- 5.06 *Candidates for the Board of Directors must be a parent of a child in the K-12 Public School System at the time of nomination and election.*
- 5.07 *Members of the Board of Directors who have completed their term of office are eligible for re-election provided they meet the criteria for nomination and conform to By-Law 5.13.*
- 5.08 *A director or an officer must not be employee or elected official of any school district or of the Ministry of Education.*

Procedure of Elections

- 5.09 *Annual general meetings in which the Board is to be elected will be conducted efficiently and with fairness to the members present.*

Nominations

- 5.10 *The Board must appoint a Nominations Committee prior to the annual general meeting. The Nominations Committee must ensure that notice for nominations is distributed to all Regular members in good standing at least 120 days prior to the annual general meeting.*

- 5.11 *The Nominations Committee shall receive nominations for the Board of Directors until February 28th before the Annual General Meeting, at which time nominations shall be declared closed.*
- 5.12 *Outgoing members of the Board must hold office and represent the Society for thirty days after the AGM in order to facilitate the change and orientation of new Board members.*
- 5.13 *The President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President and the Special Advisor(s), if any, shall not hold their respective offices for more than two consecutive terms.*
- 5.14 *The Secretary and Treasurer hold office until their respective successors are elected or appointed, whether or not they are Directors.*
- 5.15 *Any Board Member whose child leaves the public school system in the year in which the Board Member is elected will be permitted to serve the remaining portion of the first year of their term and then must resign. At the annual general meeting, an election will be held to fill the newly vacated position for the remainder of the term.*

Immediate Past President

- 5.16 *The Immediate Past President shall be an ex officio member on the Board, entitled to notice of, attend and speak at but not vote at, Board meetings; and that the term of office shall be one year.*

Special Advisor

- 5.17 *Following each annual general meeting the Board may appoint one or more Special Advisor(s) who may attend and speak at, but not vote at, Board meetings.*

Vacancy in Board of Directors

- 5.18 (a) *When a vacancy on the Board occurs for any reason, the remaining Board members may appoint a person to fill the vacancy, as a voting member of the Board. That person must be nominated by a Parent Advisory Council or District Parent Advisory Council in good standing. The term of the Board member so appointed will end at the next scheduled Annual General Meeting.*
- (b) *If three or more vacancies in the Board arise at the same time more than 150 days before the annual general meeting, the remaining Board members shall call for a by-election to fill the vacancies. The by-election shall be conducted by a special mail out to all voting members calling for nominations, followed by voting by fax or surface mail in a timely manner to be determined by the Board.*

Office to be Vacated

- 5.19 *The following are grounds for termination of the office of any Board member:*
- (a) *is a member of a Parent Advisory Council that ceases to be a member of the Society;*
 - (b) *is absent from two consecutive meetings of the Board without the prior written consent of the President;*
 - (c) *is found to be incapable of managing his or her affairs by reason of mental infirmity; and*
 - (d) *is convicted of a criminal offence or other serious offence.*
 - (e) *fails to observe the constitution & bylaws, purposes, or policies of the society.*
- 5.20 (a) *The decision to terminate a Board member's position for reasons set out in section 5.19 shall be decided at a Board meeting attended by not less than 80% of the Board, excluding the Board member in question.*
- (b) *Such action to terminate the Board member's position shall require a 14 day written notice to the*

Board member in question prior to the Board meeting.”

Rationale:

In 2005, the two year staggered term concept was introduced. The key points in the rationale were twofold: to allow new directors sufficient time to handle the steep initial learning curve and still have time to be an effective board member before facing re-election as well as providing continuity for the Board.

In our view, there is no evidence that either of the goals have been reached.

A perhaps unforeseen effect, however, is that the members no longer have the opportunity to hold individual directors accountable on an annual basis.

The Board believes that it is in the best interest of BCCPAC to wait for the recommendations of the audit before any substantial changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are made. Any changes made prior to the completion of this process may have unintended consequences that may require remedy through additional amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

The board recommends that this resolution be referred to the Governance Audit Implementation Committee to be considered during the process of revising the Constitution and Bylaws.

Destination:

The B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)

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6. Vacant Positions on Board to be Filled Immediately at Annual General Meeting

Submitted by:

Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (SD 61, Greater Victoria)

Be it resolved:

As a special resolution that bylaws 5.12 and 5.22 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 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 term of office.”

Rationale:

The membership needs to be able to fill vacancies that may occur at an Annual General Meeting. By allowing approved nominees to run for the vacant position(s), the members giving proxies will have already had the opportunity to give direction to the proxy holders.

The Board believes that it is in the best interest of BCCPAC to wait for the recommendations of the audit before any substantial changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are made. Any changes made prior to the completion of this process may have unintended consequences that may require remedy through additional amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

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Destination:

The B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)

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Members' Resolutions

7. Stopping the Misrepresentation of FSA Data used by Fraser Institute

Submitted by:

Rocky Mountain DPAC (SD 6, Rocky Mountain)

Be it resolved that:

BCCPAC work with the Ministry of Education and other provincial education associations to change procedures to ensure that results from the Foundation Skills Assessments continue to be released to school districts, schools and parents yet not to the general public in order to stop outside organizations from using/manipulating the data to support their needs.

Rationale:

The past has shown us that the Fraser Institute uses the publicly released results of the Foundation Skills Assessment to “rate schools”. Based on an assessment taken by grades 4 and 7 the Fraser Institute uses it to rate schools. There are no other factors included in this ranking. Socio-economics, size, diversity, sense of belonging, caring by the adults in the building, safety, etc all contribute to determining the culture and success of a school. The annual rankings, based on limited information, can at times be more harmful to a school. While the Fraser Institute insists that parents want this information, Rocky Mountain DPAC does not believe this to be the case. We believe that parents want more than a ranking based on a test taken by two grades within a school before they make a decision as to where to send their children. The information provided through FSA testing does not provide an accurate picture of the school. As well, many of the education associations do not support the use of FSA data for ranking schools.

In the Health Sector, the Minister of Health has made the decision to not release the names of hospitals in as he believes they needed to be protected from the unfair rankings of the Fraser Institute. Our DPAC believes the same holds for schools and would like to see the reporting out changed so that all schools in the province are not unfairly ranked as well.

The BCTF has been quoted numerous times that they want the FSA testing stopped because of the ranking. The other provincial education associations also do not believe that the results should be used to rank schools. So rather than stop the provincial assessment in order to stop the Fraser Institute from using the results as they do, we would rather the reporting change so they cannot miss-use that information.

Rocky Mountain DPAC believes that the Foundation Skills Assessment results have value when used as one piece of evidence in conjunction with additional classroom, school and district evidence by schools and districts to determine how students are achieving. Just as FSAs alone do not provide an accurate picture of student achievement to a school and/or district, they also do not provide an accurate picture as to how good a school is compared to others in the district or the province.

Destination:

Ministry of Education
BC School Trustees Association
BC Teachers Federation
BC Principals and Vice Principals Association
BC Superintendents Association

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

8. Ensuring successful I.E.P.'s for all designated students

Submitted by:

Metchosin Hans Helgesen (SD 62, Sooke)

Be is resolved that:

BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to mandate specific review policies to ensure the success of all I.E.P.'s for children with designated needs, regardless of the level of need.

Rationale:

To be sure that I.E.P.'s are implemented they are reviewed during district reviews. It is the responsibility of each individual school district to provide data that they are in place and are accountable to the Ministry of Education. To be sure that these documents are not just in place but are in fact working for the child to reach their full potential. We recommend that there needs to be a point in which the I.E.P.'s are thoroughly evaluated to confirm the document is relevant, supportive, and nurturing to the child's needs.

When children reach the middle school level a much larger group of peers and educators are introduced. Children with I.E.P.'s often arrive at this level of education with a team of people from the community as well as school based. Ensuring all parties involved in helping these children learn are fully informed and able to properly support them can be overwhelming and logistically difficult. We feel this is one example where children are falling through the cracks. The intention of this resolution is to be sure that not only are we supporting children but also successfully enabling them to have the best possible learning experience as well as becoming the best life long learners they can be.

Destination:

Ministry of Education

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

9. Parent Choice Regarding FSAs

Submitted by:

Vancouver DPAC (SD 39, Vancouver)

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urge the Minister of Education to respect the right of parents to decide whether or not participation in the FSA tests is in the best interests of their children.

And further, that the Minister meet with parent and teacher reps to discuss measures to restore confidence in the FSAs.

Rationale:

Whereas a growing number of parents refuse to allow their children to participate in the FSAs due to concerns about unresolved problems and/or negative impacts associated with FSAs and/or misuse of FSA data.

Some parents support the FSAs and want their children to participate in the program and find the information from these tests useful. It should be noted that the FSAs are not part of the required provincial curriculum.

Destination:

Ministry of Education

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

10. Mandated Support Tied to Low FSA Outcomes

Submitted by:

Vancouver DPAC (SD 39, Vancouver)

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urge the Minister of Education to expand the FSA program to include an additional component, with additional provincial funding as appropriate, that mandates follow up of poor FSA outcomes, including enquiry as to causes and provision of additional provincial support to address any identified causes/problems.

Rationale:

There has not to date been clear evidence of FSA results being used to directly effect improvements in student performance by providing additional supports to improve outcomes for schools, districts, sub-populations or individual students.

A direct link between FSA results and supplemental provincial supports to improve outcomes for struggling students would greatly enhance parent and teacher support for FSAs.

Destination:

Ministry of Education
Minister of Finance
BCCPAC

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

11. Clarification of Benefits and Limitations of FSA Data

Submitted by:

Vancouver DPAC (SD 39, Vancouver)

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC develop and distribute a parent information kit that explains the strengths and limitations of FSAs in providing accountability at the level of individual students, teachers, schools, districts and for the system as a whole.

Further, that BCCPAC consult with its membership and other education partners in the development of such a kit.

Rationale:

FSA test data can provide some useful information on broad trends in student performance over time. FSA results cannot provide as accurate, complete or timely a picture of individual student performance as other available assessment instruments.

FSAs are not an effective tool for comparing the performance of one school to another, and
FSAs are not an effective tool for providing accountability for the quality of individual teachers or groups of teachers.

Destination:

BCCPAC
BCTF
BCSTA

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

12. Learning Resources for Intermediate Grades in Health and Career Education (K-7)

Submitted by:

Vancouver DPAC (SD 39, Vancouver)

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC call upon the Ministry of Education to work with the Ministry of Health in order to provide age-appropriate, up-to-date, and medically accurate learning resources in multiple languages to support the learning outcomes for intermediate grades in Health & Career Education K-7 pertaining to HIV/AIDS.

Rationale:

HIV and AIDS education are now part of the elementary curriculum. Age-appropriate and ESL-friendly learning resources addressing AIDS and HIV should be available for use in all schools so teachers can approach those topics more confidently and provide information accurately.

Destination:

Minister of Education
Minister of Health
BCTF

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

13. Creation of Educational Field Trip Transit Pass

Submitted by:

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC support the creation of a low cost yearly educational field trip transit pass to allow a class of children, with adult supervisors, to use transit for educational trips where public transit exists throughout BC.

Interested parties should be encouraged to explore opportunities to finance this project with partners including, but not limited to, Ministry of Education, Boards of Education, Municipal Governments, Transit Authorities and other community partners.

Rationale:

Our communities are rich in recreational and cultural amenities such as museums, historic sites, art galleries, festivals, dramatic and music performances, recreational facilities, public libraries, community centres, and so on. A school trip is often the only introduction to these amenities children will have. These integral services and amenities are increasingly less accessible to kids because of barriers including transit costs, fewer volunteer drivers, diminishing school operating budgets and families unable to subsidize field trips.

Destination:

Ministry of Education
Union of BC Municipalities
BCSTA
Transit Authorities

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

14. Seat Belts on School Busses

Submitted by:

Kootenay Lake DPAC (SD 08, Kootenay Lake)

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to immediately mandate the use of 3-point shoulder harnesses in all school buses.

Rationale:

"The laws of physics aren't suspended because a bus is large and painted yellow. When a vehicle stops abruptly, those forces are going to be absorbed by the occupants if they're not restrained or cradled." (<http://www.ncsbs.org/news-2007/seat-belt-debate.htm>)

Thankfully, between 1994 and 2005 only five passengers were killed in Canada on a school bus. However, 3,427 passengers were injured. (<http://www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety/tp/tp2436/rs200702/menu.htm#note2>) Prior to 2004, not all provinces and territories reported a breakdown of the data element "Injury Severity of Person". British Columbia began reporting serious injuries in March of 2004.

School buses currently try to protect students through "compartmentalization" which includes:

- Seats with high backs;
- Seats filled with energy-absorbing material;
- Seats placed close together to form compartments;
- Strong seat anchorages.

This type of design sometimes protects student during front collisions which make up approximately 1/3 of all reported accidents. There are, however few crash statistics on side impacts and bus roll-overs. In the case of a bus sliding sideways and colliding with another object the compartmentalizing of students is no longer an effective means of protecting students as they are thrown side to side. The installation of 3-point harnesses will prevent students being tossed around during a school bus swerving and rolling over.

The concerns about students using the 3-point harness properly, and it being the bus driver's "job" to ensure all students are buckled in, is mute as students riding school busses today have, since birth, been buckled in. It comes naturally not just to students, but to adults as well. Similarly, the concern that students would be trapped in a seat belt should the bus go underwater, catch on fire or another emergency requiring quick evacuation is also no longer valid as students today have been using seat belts their entire lives. What kind of message are we sending to students when we ask them to buckle up with family and not when they get on a school bus?

Seat belts on school buses not only protect students from being tossed around during an accident it will also improve student behaviour by keeping students in their seats and help keep driver distraction to a minimum.

The cost of this much needed piece of safety equipment is approximately \$3000-\$5000/bus. What is the cost of a court case or the permanent disability of a child? There are school bus companies that have been manufacturing seats with 3-point harnesses for several years. This equipment is not new and comes in a variety of configurations accommodating two and three students to a seat. Seat belts in school buses are mandatory in New York State, California, New Jersey, Florida and Louisiana. Several other states such as Texas support local school districts' decisions to install seat belts on school buses. In all, over 200 school districts have mandated the use of seat belts on school busses in the United States.

For additional information please visit:

<http://www.safeguard4kids.com/>

<http://www.safeguardseat.com/bus/index.htm>

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety/tp/tp2436/rs200702/rs200702e.pdf>

http://www.metacafe.com/watch/1511/bus_crash/ - *Author's Note: we recommend watching this video clip with the sound off*

Destination:

Ministry of Education

BCSTA

BCSSA

BCTF

BCPVPA

All Support Staff unions

BC Ministry of Transportation and Highways

Transport Canada

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

15. PAC Playground Grants – Eligible Uses

Submitted by:

Vernon DPAC (SD 22, Vernon)

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urge the Minister of Education and BC Gaming Policy & Enforcement Branch to expand the eligible uses of PAC Playground grants to include basketball courts and bicycle racks.

Rationale:

School playgrounds serve the physical activity needs of children from kindergarten to (approx.) grade 8. As such, it is important to furnish playgrounds that provide physical activity opportunities for this age range of children.

Government and communities initiatives are focusing on encouraging the use of environmentally friendly transportation. The BC Green Schools Program educates students to consider the environment. Attached to these eco-friendly initiatives is the need to provide safe storage for bicycles in the community, which includes on school property.

Destination:

Minister of Education
Minister of Housing and Social Development
Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General - Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

16. Ministry Funding Formula

Submitted by:

Vernon DPAC (SD 22, Vernon)

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to re-examine and recalculate the ministry funding formula so as to eliminate the current pressures placed on PACs to financially aid the delivery of the provincial education curriculum.

Rationale:

The Provincial Ministry of Education has the responsibility to fund and deliver the provincial education curriculum. Data based research finds that PACs are being asked, and in most cases are agreeing, to fund curricular material, supplies, equipment, programs, technology and transportation on a constant basis across all of the curriculum areas. PACs are also being requested to support funding for new ministry initiatives, and certain school start up costs. All the while parents are witnessing an erosion in student services such as gifted, special education, counseling, and career preparation. Similarly, too often PACs are being asked to fund such capital items as school PA systems, cabinets,

countertops, shelving, classroom chairs and desks as schools try to maintain a level of service with antiquated telephone systems.

BCCPAC, as provincial partners in public education, joins with other education partner groups that recognize the need for a recalculation of the flawed ministry funding formula.

Destination:

Minister of Education
Minister of Finance
Treasury Board

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

17. School Grounds Parking Lot and Vehicular Traffic Safety

Submitted by:

Vernon DPAC (SD 22, Vernon)

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to act collaboratively with School Districts and PACs to improve parking lot and traffic lane safety on school properties. Furthermore, the safety improvements to vehicular traffic pathways must not compromise the availability of existing hard top surfaces for childrens' play areas.

Rationale:

Student safety is of paramount importance at schools. Currently school districts are having to respond to pressures to improve parking lot, and traffic safety, on school grounds with very limited capital budgets. Many schools continue to wait for years for these changes to occur. In cases where school districts are implement safety changes it can come at the cost of lost hard top surfaces for childrens' play activities. In current times of ministry initiatives such as Healthy Schools and mandated daily physical activity, removing childrens' play surfaces is not a desirable option. In cases where PAC fundraised money was used to create play spaces it is an especially undesirable option.

Destination:

Minister of Education
Minister of Finance
Treasury Board

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

Appealed Resolution

18. Equal Access to BC Gaming Revenues Submitted by:

Submitted by:

Vernon District Parent Advisory Council (SD 22, Vernon)

Be it resolved:

THAT BCCPAC urge the Minister of Education and BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch to enact equal gaming access for Parent Advisory Councils by consistently applying the funding formula of \$40 per student for each fiscal year, as reflected in the GPEB's guideline for PAC gaming revenues.

And furthermore, with this increase in gaming revenues to PACs, be it resolved that BCCPAC urge the above bodies to expand the eligible uses of gaming revenues to include parent leadership education costs associated with sending two parent leaders per PAC annually to BCCPAC's Leadership Conference.

Rationale:

Parent Advisory Councils currently provide financial support to vast, and critical, non-curricular and extra-curricular programs, services, materials, and activities such as, but not limited to, the following: computers, servers and software for students use; field trips; transportation; fine arts programs; music programs and musical instruments; library books; home reading books for primary students; discretionary funds for classrooms and administration; motivational speakers; student recognition; student ceremonies and graduation; 'hungry students' programs; physical education and sports equipment, sporting events and uniforms; playground equipment; awards and trophies; student clubs; yearbooks; scholarships; personal voice amplifiers for teachers; environmental projects, and plants and trees for school grounds. Also, some PACs deem it important to fund parent leadership education for the long range benefits of their organization. All of these goals are very well meaning, but they come at a financial price and extract a human resource (society) cost.

Current gaming funding inequities among schools (some schools only receive \$20 per student, while others receive \$40 per student) have created a situation of "have" and "have not" schools within our communities. In recent years the government has reduced the overall number of community charities eligible to receive community charitable bingo grants. The cost savings resulting from this action should be applied to Parent Advisory Councils to level the playing field and ensure equity in gaming funds. To quote a GPEB letter dated August 20, 2002: "This guideline, (\$40 per student), based on information provided by the Ministry of Education, ensures that the student population in British Columbia has equal access to gaming revenues." Unfortunately, the fact is that the student population of British Columbia does not have equal access to gaming revenues. And it is time that they did.

Parent leadership education is currently evolving and gaining importance, as evidenced in the Ministry of Education's support of the BCCPAC and BCELC "Supporting Parent Leadership Seminar Series" (SPLSS). If the overall goal is to enhance the capacity of British Columbia's public education system, we must commit to long-term investment in parent leaders who will promote meaningful parent involvement by encouraging and positively engaging parents. All PACs deserve equal access to gaming revenues and equal ability to train their parent leaders using universal gaming funds.

Destination:

Minister of Education; Minister of Housing and Social Development - Gaming Information and Services
Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General - Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch

CARRIED

OTHER

Late Resolutions

19. Life Membership to Past President Terri Watson

Submitted by:
Board of Directors

Be it resolved:

That BCCPAC award life membership to past president Terri Watson.

Rationale:

At the 2008 BCCPAC AGM the membership passed a resolution that states:
“Past Presidents of BCCPAC will be given life membership consideration by the BCCPAC Life Membership Committee.”

Life Member- this category of membership is restricted to parents who have been actively involved in BCCPAC and have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the purposes of BCCPAC. The service to the Society by this individual would be considered innovative and of significant lasting importance to furthering the inclusion and support of parents in the BC Public Education System and the improvement of education for children in BC. It is intended to reflect honour upon BCCPAC as well as upon the individual.

BCCPAC Presidents serve our organization in an extraordinary manner. As members, we have an obligation to honour the exemplary commitment of our Presidents.

Destination:

The B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

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DEFEATED	<input type="checkbox"/>		

20. Life Membership to Past President Kim Howland

Submitted by:
Board of Directors

Be it resolved:

That BCCPAC award life membership to past president Kim Howland.

Rationale:

At the 2008 BCCPAC AGM the membership passed a resolution that states:
“Past Presidents of BCCPAC will be given life membership consideration by the BCCPAC Life Membership Committee.”

Life Member- this category of membership is restricted to parents who have been actively involved in BCCPAC and have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the purposes of BCCPAC. The service to the Society by this individual would be considered innovative and of significant lasting importance to furthering the inclusion and support of parents in the BC Public Education System and the improvement of education for children in BC. It is intended to reflect honour upon BCCPAC as well as upon the individual.

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CARRIED

OTHER

DEFEATED

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Name of PAC/DPAC: _____ School District: _____

Name of Proxy holder: _____

This form may be used to provide your delegate with suggestions on how to vote on the items below. New information often becomes available at the time of debate. By authorizing a delegate you are leaving it to the discretion of that delegate carrying your proxy, to exercise your voting rights on all matters that will be dealt with at the AGM. As BCCPAC has neither the means nor the authority to verify that member voting suggestions are followed by authorized delegates, BCCPAC urges each member to choose delegates wisely and whenever possible send their own delegate to the AGM.

Resolutions	Voting Instructions
1 Special Resolution to Remove Stephanie Longstaff from Office of Director of British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.”	Yes__ No__ Open__
2 Call for President Broda to be Removed	Yes__ No__ Open__
3 Special Resolution to Rescind Bylaw 7.02(f), Regarding Appointments to Committees	Yes__ No__ Open__
4 Bylaw Amendments, to Provide Process for Major Amendments to the Bylaws or Constitution	Yes__ No__ Open__
5 Change Term of Office of Directors to One Year	Yes__ No__ Open__
6 Vacant Positions to be immediately filled at Annual General Meeting	Yes__ No__ Open__
7 Stopping the Misrepresentation of FSA Data used by Fraser Institute	Yes__ No__ Open__
8 Ensuring successful IEP’s for all designated students	Yes__ No__ Open__
9 Parent Choice Regarding FSAs	Yes__ No__ Open__
10 Mandated Support Tied to Low FSA Outcomes	Yes__ No__ Open__
11 Clarification of Benefits and Limitations of FSA Data	Yes__ No__ Open__
12 Learning Resources for Intermediate Grades in Health and Career Education (K-7)	Yes__ No__ Open__
13 Creation of Educational Field Trip Transit Pass	Yes__ No__ Open__
14 Seat belts on School Busses	Yes__ No__ Open__
15 PAC Playground Grants – Eligible Uses	Yes__ No__ Open__
16 Ministry Funding Formula	Yes__ No__ Open__
17 School Grounds Parking Lot and Vehicular Traffic Safety	Yes__ No__ Open__
18 Equal Access to BC Gaming Revenues	Yes__ No__ Open__
19 Life Membership to Past President Terri Watson	Yes__ No__ Open__
20 Life Membership to Past President Kim Howland	Yes__ No__ Open__

VOTING RESULTS

This page is provided to assist delegates in recording AGM results to aid them in reporting back to their respective members.

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| 1 | Special Resolution to Remove Stephanie Longstaff from Office of Director of British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.” | Carried__ Defeated__ Other__ |
| 2 | Call for President Broda to be Removed | Carried__ Defeated__ Other__ |
| 3 | Special Resolution to Rescind Bylaw 7.02(f), Regarding Appointments to Committees | Carried__ Defeated__ Other__ |
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VOTING INFORMATION & PROXY RULES

The following applies to all Regular Members:

1. Each Regular Member in good standing is entitled to one vote. A Regular Member is in good standing if membership fees have been paid by December 15, 2008. To exercise that vote, a Regular Member in good standing must complete a proxy form and submit it to BCCPAC in exchange for a voting card.
2. Life, Honorary and Associate Members are not entitled to vote.
3. All proxy forms must be completed and signed by **two members of that member's PAC/DPAC executive** in order for an authorized delegate to exercise Regular Member voting rights.
4. In order to allow for the efficient operation of the Annual General Meeting, members may mail or fax completed proxy forms to the BCCPAC office. Proxy forms received in this manner by **no later than Friday, April 17, 2009**, at 4:30 pm, will be verified and registered by staff in advance of the AGM. Voting cards, for proxies registered in this manner, may be picked up at the Credentials Desk at the AGM upon proof of identity.
5. Proxies not received by April 17, 2009 are required to be registered at the Credentials Desk in order to receive a voting card to participate in the AGM.
6. BCCPAC staff will maintain a list of registered proxies on the members' only section of BCCPAC's website, which will be updated on the Friday of each week prior to and including April 17th, 2009. It shall be the member's responsibility to refer to the website to ensure that a proxy form forwarded by mail or fax has been received and registered.
7. Proxy forms will also be accepted at the Credentials Desk at the Spring Conference and AGM. Please note that as proxy forms need to be validated and processed before they can be exchanged for voting cards, BCCPAC cannot guarantee that proxy forms received early on May 2, 2009 will be processed and exchanged for voting cards by the start of the AGM.
8. The delegate carrying your proxy should be aware of how your council wishes its vote to be cast. Members should be aware that new information frequently comes to light during the debate on a motion. Please be aware that by authorizing a delegate and/or authorizing the transfer of that proxy you are assigning your voting right to the individual who holds your proxy at the time of any vote. BCCPAC has no way of guaranteeing that the proxy holder will vote the way your council wishes. Therefore BCCPAC urges each member to send their own representative whenever possible and to choose their representative carefully.
9. Members who are unable to send their own PAC or DPAC delegate to the Annual General Meeting or whose voting delegate cannot be present for the entire meeting may authorize another registered voting delegate to cast their votes. As BCCPAC has neither the means nor the authority to verify that a member's voting suggestions have been followed by a proxy holder, BCCPAC encourages each member to send its own delegate whenever possible.

How to Use a Proxy Form

Before the AGM:

- Fill out the proxy form at the end of this book
- Have the proxy form signed by **two members of your council's executive**.
- Mail original (keep a copy for your records) or fax a copy of the proxy form to BCCPAC no later than Friday, April 17, 2009, at 4:30 pm. OR

- Bring the signed proxy form to the conference or AGM.

At the Annual General Meeting:

- Bring your proxy form with you when you register
- Upon arrival, please register at the BCCPAC registration desk to receive your AGM delegate package
- Please go to the Credentials Desk to register proxy forms (if these were not sent to the BCCPAC office in advance) and/or to pick up voting cards.

If you do not know whether your PAC or DPAC is a member in “good standing” please contact BCCPAC well in advance of the AGM to verify.