



## **BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS**

**The collective voice of parents for the best possible public education of all children in BC**

### **NewsBytes**

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#### **President Broda Resigns**

On May 2, Ron Broda resigned the presidency. Ann Whiteaker, elected First Vice-President, immediately assumes the duties of the President.

Ron Broda has been a dedicated volunteer for BCCPAC. His service included four years on the Board of Directors -- not to mention many years at the DPAC and PAC levels. He continues to serve on School Planning Councils. He was one of the main forces behind the Governance Audit, which members have been providing input into. More recently, Ron worked closely with the BC College of Teachers on the changes to the Criminal Record Review Act (see item below).

[http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/file/News%20releases/AGMelections2009final\(1\).pdf](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/file/News%20releases/AGMelections2009final(1).pdf)

#### **BCCPAC Election Results**

In addition to Ann Whiteaker being elected First Vice-President; Ida Middleton was elected Treasurer. Steve Baker and Deborah Garrity were elected to the two Director positions. To reach these Board members see their e-mails below:

Ann Whiteaker, Acting President, [annwhiteaker@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:annwhiteaker@bccpac.bc.ca)

Ida Middleton, Treasurer, [idamiddleton@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:idamiddleton@bccpac.bc.ca)

Steve Baker, Director, [stevebaker@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:stevebaker@bccpac.bc.ca)

Deborah Garrity, Director, [deborahgarrity@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:deborahgarrity@bccpac.bc.ca)

Continuing Board Members:

Laurey-Ann Roodenburg, Second Vice-President [lroodenburg@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:lroodenburg@bccpac.bc.ca)

Fiona Delcourt , Secretary [fionadelcourt@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:fionadelcourt@bccpac.bc.ca)

Suzette Miller, Director [suzettemiller@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:suzettemiller@bccpac.bc.ca)

Stephanie Longstaff [slongstaff@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:slongstaff@bccpac.bc.ca)

### **Proceedings of Annual General Meeting**

The voting results on the resolutions from the Annual General Meeting can be found on the homepage of the BCCPAC website. See the hyperlink below. These include the resolutions brought from the floor at the end of the meeting. The exact wording of amendments is not yet available as the actual minutes of the meeting must be approved by the AGM Minutes Approval Committee before they can be published.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/resolutions/votingresults2009.aspx>

### **Members Endorse BCCT Statement of Principles regarding the Criminal Record Review Act**

The panel of representatives discussing the Criminal Record Review Act convinced the AGM delegates that public safety is not enhanced by regularized cycles of criminal records' checks. Educational partners have discussed, and approved in principle, some ideas that they believe would improve the Act significantly if

amendments were introduced in a timely fashion. On Sunday a delegate brought a resolution from the floor to have BCCPAC endorse the BC College of Teachers recommendation for a review of the Criminal Record Review Act on behalf of the membership. Other education partners, such as the BC College of Teachers, the BC Teachers' Federation, the Federation of Independent Schools Association, the BCSTA and the B.C. Principals' and Vice-principals' Association have all endorsed the recommendations.

For more information on this subject see the draft proposal from the BC College of Teachers (BCCT) that was sent to members in March and can be accessed On the website (link) This document is a draft and belongs to the BCCT.

### **H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) Information**

The Ministry of Education has made two question and answer sheets on the H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) Virus available. One is for parents the other for students. These are available on the homepage of the BCCPAC website or you can click below.

[Q&A for Parents](#)

[Q&A for Students](#)

### **Renew BCCPAC Membership Early and Win**

Renew or become a member of BCCPAC before July 20, 2009 and you could win a free registration to the BCCPAC Fall Conference. The last Fall Conference was rated very highly by attendees. A survey revealed that 98% would recommend attending the Fall Conference to other parents. The membership form is below.

[BCCPAC Membership Form](#)

### **Volunteer with BCCPAC to Work for all Schools in BC**

The AGM has just been completed, but it takes more than a vote to make a resolution an actual change in government policy. Volunteers are needed with an interest in working on committees to make these resolutions the reality. Much of this work is done by telephone conference, so it doesn't have to take a lot of time. For more information email [info@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:info@bccpac.bc.ca). To volunteer fill in the form below and fax or mail it to the [BCCPAC office](#).

[Volunteer form](#)

### **New Staff Member & Contractor**

Those who attended the Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting also had the opportunity of meeting BCCPAC's two new staff members: Tracey Topping, the Member Liaison, and Terresa Augustine, the PIRC Coordinator. Tracey is currently standing in for Francesca Foschi-Mitchell, while she is on medical leave, before assuming her other duties. She and Terresa can be reached via the BCCPAC office [info@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:info@bccpac.bc.ca).

### **BCSTA AGM Proceedings Available Online**

The BCSTA AGM 2009 Report of Proceedings is now available online. See hyperlink below. This is a comprehensive report detailing BCSTA's 105th Annual General Meeting, held in Kelowna April 23-26, 2009.

[BCSTA AGM 2009 Report of Proceedings](#)

## **Homework Helps, but Not Always, According to Study**

The Canadian Council on Learning has just released a study on the effects of homework. It is a systematic review that analyzes 18 studies published from 2003 to 2007. To read an article about the study click the link below.

<http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Reports/LessonsInLearning/LinL200900430Homework.htm?Language=EN>

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