

## Why Your Parent Advisory Council Should Join BCCPAC

When parents join a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) they want to be involved in the learning experience of their child. They quickly come to realize that challenges facing their child are common to all children in the school. The PAC provides a way to voice these concerns to the principal or School Planning Council (SPC).

Some PACs find the concerns they have reach beyond their school and affect their school district. They reach out to their District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) which can advocate for schools at the district level.

What happens when systemic change is needed across the province? That is when PACs and DPACs turn to the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BC-CPAC). It is recognized by government and the partners in education as the voice of parents in the province.

As a PAC is a community for parents within a school, the BCCPAC is a provincial parent volunteer community composed of PACs and DPACs within the province.

As members, PACs and DPACs receive an online newsletter, *NewsBytes* as well as e-mail alerts, concerning issues of interest. A wide variety of resources are available via the BCCPAC website, including materials to help

individuals and PACs advocate with teachers, schools and school districts (see page 6). BCCPAC's listserv offers an important benefit to members— a virtual community through your email. The listserv allows BCCPAC parents to share information across BC without having to initiate and maintain separate email conversations.

BCCPAC also holds conferences, such as the one described in this magazine, where the delegates network and learn more about parent involvement in education. The Annual General Meeting, which occurs in spring, provides member PACs or DPACs with the opportunity to bring forth resolutions regarding education issues. These are voted on and, if adopted, become the work of BCCPAC. These resolutions are listed on the website under the Resolutions category.

The President, Board members and other volunteers meet with education partners, including the Minister of Education, representing the interests of parents as voiced in the resolutions. This influence has proven very successful and has improved education, safety and other school issues across the province. For complete information on the services BCCPAC offers see our website at [www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca). To join BCCPAC see opposite page.

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