



BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

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

Annual Report 2009



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President's Report



During 2009, BCCPAC experienced many successes while facing numerous challenges created by funding cuts. Our public profile and partner relationships continue to grow as we speak out on a broad range of issues - technology in education, safe schools, emergency preparedness, special education, lack of funding and the use of student and school test results. Our greatest challenge for the future is the need to focus on BCCPAC's long term financial viability. Current funding cuts and the uncertainty of future funding from the Ministry of Education has temporarily shifted thoughts to the long term survival of the organization.

BCCPAC continues to play a key role as a partner in education – our voice is clearly heard and well represented on numerous provincial committees. More parents throughout the province are actively involved in a range of educational issues. They know more about the educational system, gain more respect when they speak out, and are not as easily dismissed. They know about the rights of the parent to influence education. PACs and DPACs now have a much stronger voice provincially and are connected around the province, actively networking, sharing information and supporting one another. The education system as a whole now thinks about and is much more accountable to parents. The “parent voice” is strong, with a deepened understanding of the importance of collaboration, co-operation and partnerships.

We were pleased this year, once again to offer two highly successful conferences. We continue to support our members through increased personal contact with Board members, member liaison staff, each other, email, Newsbytes, Our Voice newsletter and regular updates of information and resources on our website – www.bccpac.bc.ca Remember that we are your organization and we appreciate the time many of you take to let us know about key issues, concerns and views of the members of your PAC and/or DPAC so that we can continue to serve your needs.



Advocacy work continues with countless individual volunteers at the provincial, district and school level working tirelessly to respond to calls from parents looking for support when facing challenges with the education system. The efforts of each person that takes on an advocacy role further builds awareness and support for future parental advocacy. The impact and benefits are felt by thousands as we work together to support children and parents in the BC public school system.

2009 Board of Directors

2008-2009 BCCPAC Board of Directors

Ron Broda, President (*resigned May 2009*)
Ann Whiteaker, 1st Vice President (*appointed December 2008*)
Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, 2nd Vice President
Cheryl McCann, Treasurer
Fiona Delcourt, Secretary (*elected November 2008*)
Steve Baker, Director
Ida Middleton, Director (*elected November 2008*)
Suzette Miller, Director
Stephanie Longstaff, Director

2009-2010 BCCPAC Board of Directors

Ann Whiteaker, President
Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, 2nd Vice President
Ida Middleton, Treasurer (*resigned November 2009*)
Fiona Delcourt, Secretary (*resigned November 2009*)
Dana Arthurs, Secretary (*appointed February 2010*)
Steve Baker, Director
Deborah Garrity, Director
Stephanie Longstaff, Director
Suzette Miller, Director

2009 Staff:

Evelyn Chan, Accounting Clerk; Francesca Foschi Mitchell, Office Administrator; Carla Giles, Chief Operating Officer; Carole Goheen, Accountant; Daniel Lau, Accounting Clerk; Gabrielle Moore, Communications and Media Coordinator; Tracey Topping, Member Liaison; Samantha Tsui, Office Assistant



Financial Statements 2009

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Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2009	Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2009
<p>REVENUE</p> <p>Grants</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Grants - Restricted Projects 431,918</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Operating Grant 154,500</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Direct Access Program Grant 50,000</p> <p>Sponsorship 10,000</p> <p>Conferences/Registration/Exhibitors 96,257</p> <p>Membership Fees 54,120</p> <p>Miscellaneous 15,685</p> <p>Charitable Donations <u>144</u></p> <p>Total Revenue \$ 812,624</p> <p>EXPENDITURES</p> <p>Operations 417,278</p> <p>Restricted Projects & Programs 157,623</p> <p>Conference Expenses 153,921</p> <p>Member Communications 28,731</p> <p>Representation 33,628</p> <p>Awards <u>572</u></p> <p>Total Expense \$ 791,753</p> <p>Excess \$ 20,871</p>	<p>ASSETS</p> <p>Cash 22,745</p> <p>Cash - Restricted 383,002</p> <p>Short Term Investment (unrestricted) 345,156</p> <p>Endowment Fund 5,337</p> <p>Accounts Receivable 5,147</p> <p>Prepaid Expenses 7,352</p> <p>Capital Assets <u>10,143</u></p> <p>Total Assets \$ 778,882</p> <p>LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS</p> <p>Accounts Payable 70,571</p> <p>Deferred Revenue <u>96,364</u></p> <p>Total Liabilities 166,935</p> <p>Total Net Assets/ <u>611,947</u></p> <p>Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 778,882</p>

Complete financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009; together with the external accountant's review engagement report, will be presented at the Annual General Meeting April 17, 2010 and will be made available on the Members' Only section of the BCCPAC website.

BCCPAC Representation 2009

Members of the Board of Directors of BCCPAC represented the interest of the members of BCCPAC at meetings with the following groups involved with education:

- Association of BC Deans of Education (ABCDE)
- BC College of Teachers (BCCT)
- BC Early Childhood Learning Agency (BCECLA)
- BC Educational Leadership Council (BCELC)
- BC Healthy Living Alliance (BCHLA)
- BC Principals and Vice Principals Association (BCPVPA)
- BC School Sports (BCSS)
- BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA)
- BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA)
- BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF)
- Breakfast for Learning (BFL)
- Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF)
- Directorate of Agencies for School Health (DASH)
- Education Advisory Council (EAC)
- Education Partners Group
- Federation des Parents Francophones
- Learning Roundtable
- Ministry of Education, Province of British Columbia (MOE)

2009 Year in Review



PAC/DPAC Funding

In early September 2009, the Ministry of Education announced that Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils across BC would see their gaming grants cut in half in 2009–10, leaving them with about \$7.6 million less funding. PACs use these funds to support learning enrichment activities that support student success. DPACs use these funds to support parent education. Schools have become increasingly dependent on these funds.

BCCPAC initiated a letter campaign to request the funding be reinstated. Members participated wholeheartedly, and on March 8, 2010 the Ministry of Housing and Social Development announced that funding was restored to \$20 per student. DPAC funding was also restored to its previous level.

We would like to thank all the members that participated by writing your letters and speaking up about these unacceptable funding cuts.

Education Partners and Representation

In 2009 BCCPAC representatives connected and continued to work at strengthening relationships with all our education partners. At each opportunity, our representatives engaged them in meaningful conversations on parent involvement.

BCCPAC representatives participated in numerous meetings and committees, including Education Advisory Council, Early Learning, Education Partners, BC Education Leadership Council BC School Sports, and Breakfast for Learning to name but a few.

Resources

In 2009 BCCPAC continued to listen to our membership. As directed by resolutions 2009 AGM a FSA Information Tool Kit for Parents was finalized at the end of the year. It was released and eagerly accepted and adopted by many districts and utilized by principals around the province.

The Leadership Manual Committee continued work on revising and updating this important resource. The BCCPAC Leadership Manual remains our most requested resource. Two sections have been completed and are posted on the website www.bccpac.bc.ca.

Conferences

BCCPAC held two conferences in 2009. The Spring Conference (April 30-May 3), *Our Purpose Is Student Success*, focused on; parent involvement, measuring success, the value of arts in education and the power of passionate public speaking.

The Fall Conference (November 12 – 15), *Student Success: Common Vision & Collaborative Action* explored aspects of student success through a series of presentations and workshops that included learning about using our brain to its full potential, developing collaborative skills, becoming inspired to heroic deeds and real tools and stories to assist increasing a better understanding of the challenges of aboriginal parent involvement.



Thank you

BCCPAC extends sincere thanks to the many volunteers who support students throughout the public school system. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of our sponsors and the many exhibitors who participate in our conferences. We also gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education.