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Report to the BCCPAC Board of Directors

Submitted by: Ron Broda, President

Criminal Records Checks Mini-forum

Date: June 17, 2008
Location: BC College of Teachers' office, Vancouver

In Attendance:

Name	Partner Group	Job Description
Richard Walker	BCCT	Chair
Sandra Davies	BCCT	Vice-Chair
Marie Crowther	BCCT	Registrar
Sue Ferguson	BCPSEA	
Fred Herfst	FISA	President
Doug Lauson	FISA	
Connie Denesiuk	BCSTA	President
Stephen Hansen	BCSTA	Executive Director
Jim Iker	BCTF	2nd Vice President
Mike Lombardi	BCTF	
Ron Broda	BCCPAC	President
Les Dukowski	BCPVPA	President
Susan Johnsen	BCPVPA	

Regrets:

Greg Louie, Marie Matthews	First Nations Schools Association
Hugh Finlayson	BCPSEA
Wendy Lee, Geoff Jopson	BCSSA

Discussion:

BCCT Chair provided an overview of the history of Criminal records checks and the BCCT's concern about the effectiveness of the required 5 year cycle for mandated new CR checks. Criminal record checks have been required of all new teachers entering the profession in B.C. since the 1996-97 school year. The concern expressed by the BCCT is that the new requirement for 5 year renewed check is costly, time consuming and likely does not provide the intended level of student safety. After some discussion of the concerns and possible alternatives a concensus was reached that if the partner groups present are willing a joint committee of the partner groups be formed in the fall to explore effective alternatives that may be presented to government for consideration.

The discussion was positive and I recommend that BCCPAC participate in such a committee if it is struck.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Broda, President