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Report to the BCCPAC Board of Directors

Submitted by: Ron Broda, President

Education Advisory Committee (EAC)

Date: June 18th,
Location: Harbour Centre, Vancouver

In Attendance:

MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES:

James Gorman, Deputy Minister
(and EAC Chair)

Sherri Mohoruk, Superintendent, Liaison
(and EAC Secretary)

Brenda Sober, Manager, Executive Operations

ORGANIZATION:	REPRESENTATIVE:
Assembly of First Nations (BC Region) c/o FNESC	**Tyrone McNeil**, President, FNESC
BC College of Teachers	***Sandra Davie,*** *Council Vice-Chair*
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils	**Ron Broda**, President
BC Federation of Labour	**Dayna Sykes**, Director, Human Rights,
BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association	**Les Dukowski**, President
BC Student Voice	**Hannah Manning**
BC Public School Employers' Association	**Ken Denike,** Board Director
BC Association of School Business Officials	**Lorcan O'Melinn**, President
BC School Superintendents' Association	**Geoff Jopson,** President Wendy Lee, Executive Director
BC School Trustees Association	**Connie Denesiuk**, President **Stephen Hansen,** Executive Director
BC Teachers' Federation	**Susan Lambert**, First Vice-President

Business Council of BC ,	**Ed Wong**, Vice President, Education Partnerships
Canadian Union of Public Employees (BC)	**Bill Pegler**, K-12 Coordinator
Association of BC Deans of Education	**Rob Tierney,** Dean of Education, UBC
Fédération des parents francophones de la Colombie-Britannique	**Pauline Gobeil**, President,
Federation of Independent School Associations	**Fred Herfst**, Executive Director
Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique	**Mario Cyr,** Interim Superintendent of Schools

English 12 First Peoples	Tyrone McNeil

Mr. McNeil presented a copy of the IRP and Teacher Resource Guide for this new course to all attendees. This course is intended for both Aboriginal and non-aboriginal students. It has already been accepted by some post-secondary institutions as an equivalent to English 12 as an entrance requirement. Other institutions are still working through their approval process but it is anticipated that all post-secondary institutions in BC will accept this course as an equivalent to English 12.

Additional resources for this subject are available through the CBC website.

Karen Brillon who has been a key person in developing this program is available to make a presentation to interested groups. She can be contacted through FNESC via email Karenb@fnesc.ca

Early Childhood Learning Agency — Susan Kennedy

Ms. Kennedy provided an overview of the history of the ECLA and its mandate. This is an initiative which flows from a Throne Speech commitment made by the government. The ECLA has been tasked with doing a feasibility study on the implementation of full day Kindergarten for 5 year olds by the fall of 2009 and expanding to include availability of an all day program for 4 year olds by 2010 and 3 year olds by 2012.

The feasibility study must include consideration of the following issues:

-Capital – Building space, etc.

-Funding

-H.R. – Availability of qualified Early Childhood Educators

-Pedagogy.

-Other service needs - i.e. speech therapy.

Initial feedback is being sought on a discussion paper that provides a broad framework of what exists in other jurisdictions. The second more detailed phase of consultation will begin with partner groups in October. ECLA is required to report to Cabinet in December. The report is intended to be a conceptual view of what a best model of an ECL program would look like. It will provide advice to government to aid its decision making in the form of a business case with the main goal of the program to ensure that better prepared learners are entering school.

Streamlining Initiative — Scott MacDonald

The Ministry of Education has conducted a review of all the various reporting requirements that Boards Of Education must fulfill. A Power Point presentation graphically depicted all of the overlap in requirements and the peak periods that create an undue strain on resources and complicate the reporting process. The ministry will be examining ways in which technology can be used to streamline and rationalize the reporting process.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00