BCCPAC Representation Report

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Submitted by:	**Ron Broda, President**
Name of Event:	Community Forum on Substance Misuse and Prevention
Date of Event:	January 27th, 2009
Location of Event:	Kay Meek Centre, West Vancouver

At the invitation of Superintendent Geoff Jopson I attended a Community Forum on Substance Misuse and Prevention at the Kay Meek Centre at West Vancouver Secondary School.

This meeting was organized in result to recent media coverage of drug related issues in the community as well as a change in the delivery of drug awareness education programs. This forum was put together as a joint community project involving School District 45 West Vancouver, The West Vancouver DPAC, The District of West Vancouver, The West Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Coastal Health and the West Vancouver Community Foundation.

The forum featured presentations from Superintendent Geoff Jopson; Terry Bulych, Team Leader- Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions, Vancouver Coastal Health; as well as a moderated panel discussion. While much of the information contained in this presentation is tailored to the specific community of the North Shore of Burrard Inlet, there is valuable information for every concerned parent. This presentation can be viewed on West Vancouver School District's webpage www.sd45.bc.ca.

In attendance at this meeting were the District's Mayor, several Municipal Councilors, Police Chief, Board of Education Chair and Trustees, School and District administrators and approximately 500 other concerned citizens. This is an excellent example of community collaboration in dealing with an important social issue that affects many of our youth today.

Respectfully submitted;

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