BCCPAC Representation Report

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Name of Event: Year of Science Information Meeting
Date of Event: June 28, 2010
Location of Event: BCELC office, VANCOUVER, B.C.

This meeting was an opportunity to hear and share ideas around a framework for what a 'year of science' could look like. Attendees included a principal, teacher, parent, trustee, superintendent, 2 students, Ministry of Ed staff, Ministry of Advanced Education staff and a consultant. Advanced Education is spearheading this initiative.

Conversation focused on what the framework could look like – rational, target audience, planning, governance, issues, how best to work with stakeholders and formulating an integrated plan.

Opportunities:

- Promote all science related opportunities
- Build capacity in science (which includes Technology)
- Assist the shift to knowledge based economy
- To examine nature of curriculum and how we deliver it
- Bring 'science' people in to schools/classrooms
- Gathering input on promising practices and sharing these

Challenges shared:

- Short timeline for implementation
- A year too short, program should be longer – it takes 3 years to have an impact at the classroom level, 6 years for educational change
- Needs a different title – more fun
- How to engage stakeholders in the initiative and integrate stakeholder efforts.

Request: for each organization to provide a representative to be on an advisory board and/or planning committee. This would be to provide advice on the framework and criteria for inclusion of events and activities, as well as strategic issues, priorities and resource allocation throughout the year.