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Internal Committees

Listserv Oversight Committee

Members – Cheryl McCann, Ingrid Trouw, Katherine Wagner and Tracey Topping (Administrator)

Policy #2580 - Listserv Oversight Committee needs to be reviewed and brought into alignment with the new Listserv Guidelines approved in September 2009. The committee needs to recommend a new listserv service to the board, for use by parents that is more cost effective and useful to our members.

It may even be a good idea to set up more than one listserv option. There could be many of them, for different needs, i.e. the C & B discussions, DPAC topics, secondary schools and SPCs. With an internet based server these listservices are free. (I personally feel that the SPCs need it more than anyone, if the other SPCs around the province are functioning anything like the ones I am on, we need all of the support we can get!) Some of our members have specific needs and are not really interested in getting emails that do not pertain to their lives as a PAC parent. This is a great tool for openly sharing successes and concerns with parents that have been there, and can help.

Standing Resolution Committee - Student Safety

Members – John Puddifoot, Deanne Harris

This committee did a lot of work in the summer. We did research and had great discussions by email and conference calls, on Wi-Fi in the schools. We were unable to agree on a motion to come forward to the board that we felt would be supported by our members. Wi-Fi in the schools is a large concern. Sharon Noble joined the committee as special advisor.

Subcommittee members not confirmed. The committee needs confirmation and contact information from the office on subcommittee members to do the work from the 2009 AGM.

This committee should look at the actions already taken on active member's resolutions that fall under their responsibility and determine the next moves, in consultation with the moving PACs. Then make recommendations to the board for approval at the August or September board meeting.

Website Committee

Members – Dana Arthurs

This committee has done no work as it awaits the board to approve the terms of reference for it. This needs to be discussed by the board at length. This is a fantastic tool for reaching our members and it cannot continue in the unprofessional manner it is now. One board member giving direction to the office to post things without any input from a committee, meetings with staff and or the board is simply not a good way to do business with our most public communication tool.

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External Representation

BC Healthy Living Alliance

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BC Healthy Living Alliance Secretariat

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Interesting reading at
http://www.bchealthyliving.ca/sites/all/files/Newsletter_Summary_Healthy_Futures_Report.pdf

Obesity Reduction Strategy for BC

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The Obesity Reduction Task Force is seeking input from different sectors to develop an obesity reduction strategy for BC. Representatives from government, NGOs and industry have been invited to participate in the 4-hour session that was held in December 2009. BCCPAC needs to be represented at this table. I found it very interesting having so many stakeholders, including doctors, talking about things that can be done to reduce the obesity problems we are currently facing. The focus is on how we can work together.

Breakfast for Learning

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This is not a committee, it is a Council. There are 7 members currently including Terri-Lynn Huddlestone. I am currently the Chair of the BFL BC/Yukon, I will keep BCCPAC up to date and have asked that all communication that are sent to BFL members also go to the info@bccpac.bc.ca address in case I miss an important notice that should go to BCCPAC members.

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An important note from BFL, that has already gone out in a Newsbyte to our members, is that registration for next year is to be done **before June 15, 2010** in order to qualify for the grant for the 2010-2011 school year. This makes it possible for schools to receive their funding sooner in the school year. This should go in another Newsbytes if there is one before that date.

DASH- Directorate of Agencies for School Health

I am unsure what is happening with this group currently, as BFL is now independent of them, they were closely intertwined, I am not sure where DASH fits after 26 years of doing great work there are many other ministry groups doing the same thing. Hopefully BCCPAC will hear something from them about the future of this organisation.

DASH created and printed, along with other partners, the book Healthy Fundraising, from September 2008 now available on our webpage as well as theirs.

Healthy Schools Committee – (BCSTA)

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This group was started by the STA a few years ago from a motion that they passed at one of their AGMs. This is a fantastic group, many good contacts and informed members doing good work. We need to attend these meetings in person. We need to send them some of our resolutions from the recent past, so that they can do research and we can work together on them to better our chances of achieving what our members have asked us to achieve.

Healthy Schools Network

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I was not invited to anything for this group but met with them at the BCSTA committee and other places. I feel BCCPAC should be working with this group to help get their info out to our members and bring our members concerns and ideas to them.

Institute for Safe Schools – Criminal Justice Reform Secretariat was the only meeting I attended from this group. (report can be found online) I felt it was not a good expenditure of our time. This group mostly dealt with probation and safety of minors in the criminal system. I do not recall getting any other communications.

BC School Counsellor's Association

Bruce Carlos President bcarlos@sd70.bc.ca

Great conference with good topics and ideas for exhibitors for our conference. We need to share info with them and we often need to share their info with our members. The quiet decrease of counselling services in schools is very scary!

Other Representation to be Noted

I attended the **Superintendent Conference** that is held every Fall in Victoria. I highly recommend that as many board members attend this fantastic event as possible. Always good subjects, speakers and the latest in education are presented there for you to learn about. This is a very good networking and learning opportunity. Parents from all around the province should be encouraged to attend this conference, sponsored by their own Superintendent.

I also attended the **Provincial Budget lockdown**. This was an amazing experience that I highly recommend that BCCPAC not only attend annually, but be much better prepared for attendance. This is the place where not only are all of the deputy minsters in attendance, but the employees that support and make all of the recommendations are in attendance to help answer questions and gather input. This is an good place to speak to others in the education world and a wonderful place to get answers as well as getting to know the employees that could help BCCPAC further its causes. BCCPAC should also have prepared statements ready to go for when the doors open and the press is invited in and is looking for statements from anyone willing to speak to the Budget announcements.

Agriculture in the Classroom is another group that we should be working with, if possible.

http://www.aitc.ca/bc/ Among other things they are responsible for the fruit and vegetable program.

This has been an amazing experience. I have learned so much. Thank you BCCPAC members.

Respectfully submitted,

Director Longstaff