BCCPAC Representation Report

Submitted by: Ann Whiteaker, President
Name of Event: Meeting with Sherri Mohoruk & Jennifer McCray
Date of Event: November 15, 2011.
Location of Event: Ministry of Education, Victoria

Meeting Purpose

The meeting was called to inform BCCPAC that the Minister of Education is steps closer to an initiative to create a place for students to report bullying.
The intent of the initiative is to provide students somewhere to report bullying or other concerns they may have. This will possibly be an online service, website or email, and will be screened by someone in the district.

BCCPAC made the point that having a District approach will not work as an additional arms length is required to encourage a level of safety and trust in reporting. BCCPAC encouraged Ministry to consider a regional not District based screening of intake.

There are no real plans or partnerships in place as yet however comments and discussion indicated plans around training teachers to identify bullying and to build local connections to services and authorities such as the RCMP or Suicide prevention teams.

BCCPAC made the connection that this plan should also include an adult program to report bullying or inappropriate conduct of adults in the school.