BCCPAC Representation Report

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	Ann Whiteaker, President (attended)
Name of Event:	BCCT – Special Meeting of Education Partner Groups
Date of Event:	September 16, 2011.
Location of Event:	BCCT Vancouver

Meeting Purpose – The meeting was called by BCCT Registrar, Kit Kreiger, to clarify the positions held by the Education Partner Groups (EPG) regarding the changes to the BCCT proposed by the MOE.

Present: Kit Kreiger and BCCT senior staff, BCPVPA, BCSTA, BCPSEA, BCCPAC and FISA (Federation of Independent Schools Association)

Kit Kreiger started with an opening remark, "If a regulator does a good job, nobody likes the regulator." There was a review of the Avison Report (AR) Findings (page 32 of the report attached). Mr. Avison's report can be summarized by the statement "The interest of the members prevails over the public interest." Mr. Kreiger reported that a teaching certificate has never been revoked for incompetence, surrendered yes, but never revoked. The Currency issue, while reduced from 20 years to 10 years, is still far from satisfactory. Continuing education is an issue that is not properly being addressed. The AR found the College preoccupied with procedural rather than public interest and it "must be substantially restructured" or returned to government. The College and its members seem to operate to serve the members rather than to protect and serve the public.

The AR was reviewed by the MOE (McDiarmid) Fall 2010. After that Provincial Government mayhem ensued. It wasn't until the Liberal Leadership was settled and the new cabinet chosen that work resumed. Unfortunately the teachers' contract was also expiring. Many of the EPG present felt that it is not a good time to make these changes. If its been broken for so long why change it now? The BCTF feels that the College was imposed and therefore unwarranted, unnecessary and unwanted.

The MOE proposes that role of teacher certification return to the MOE, which it did previous to 1988. As reported previously, the MOE want to create a 15 member council, 8 of which will for all intents and purposes be BCTF members. All the EPG present disagreed with this

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representation. At past Learning Roundtables the discussion around the BCCT had recommended a council of thirds – a third educators, a third education partners, a third laypeople.

The group endorsed the idea of a Learning Roundtable meeting which would include FISA. This would allow for discussion of the legislative process together, without the panic of the October deadline imposed by the MOE. Many of the issues such as mandatory Pro-D that is driven by standards will be lost into collective bargaining if the legislation goes through.
Kit Kreiger "The regulated don't get to regulate."
Ann "Keep politics away from our children and put children first and not in the middle."
Kit Kreiger "Keep kids protected and the profession elevated."

Recommendations:

- BCCPAC Board support writing a letter on behalf of the EPG including FISA that recommends that the MOE call a Learning Roundtable Meeting on the topic of BCCT Reform and that they suspend any changes to the Teaching Profession Act (TPA) until the teachers have a new contract.

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