BCCPAC Representation Report

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Name of Event: Education Partners Healthy Schools Committee Meeting
Date of Event: January 27, 2012
Location of Event: BCSTA office, Vancouver

Attendance:

Laura Dixon (BCSTA)	Chris Salgado (Vancouver Coastal Health)
Peter Froese (FISA)	Michael Strukoff (BCSSA)
Kathy Cassels (DASH BC)	Mike Gagel (BCSTA)
Tanya Grant (MoH)	Charito Enderfield (MoE)
Scott Beddall (MoH)	Absent: BCTF, BCPVPA, FNESC

The main goal of this committee is to bring together representatives from the Education sector with those from Health in order to examine how the two sectors can work together to ensure that BC's Healthy Schools Initiative is successful.

- BCHS is part of a $67.8M Healthy Families initiative which promotes: Healthy Eating, Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Communities, Healthy Start.
- In order for the 2 systems to work together a holistic approach is required because Health & Education are 2 very different systems. Mutual respect is required if they are going to work together.
-Some programs, such as the Fruit & Vegetable program have been extremely successful while others such as Food Guidelines and DPA have been less so.
- A good evaluation of the Healthy Schools initiative is needed but how is it to be implemented? i.e. how does one measure the success (or lack thereof) of such a program? For us to discuss.
- Consistency of program implementation from district to district is difficult.
- Kids need to know about health, nutrition but how much more can be added to curriculum?
- Best practices need to be shared.
- An hour-long presentation was then given regarding the Healthy Families BC Schools (HFBCS) Evaluation Plan (poor presentation; disappointing, uninspiring).
- A proposal to create another "high level" committee called the HFBCS Provincial Steering Committee was also discussed. This new committee would give direction and "big picture" guidance to the other committees below it. Some questioned whether yet another committee was necessary. . . but it sounds interesting to me. . . .

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