



BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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Gordon Swan, President
BC School Trustees' Association
Via email

RE: 2018 BCCPAC Member Resolutions

Dear Mr Swan,

At our 2018 Annual General Meeting, member delegates representing District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs) and Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) from around the province gathered together to discuss important issues vital to student success and approved several Resolutions. Please share this information with your elected Boards of Education.

At this time we would like to bring to your attention the following approved Resolutions. We kindly ask that you review the Resolutions and contact us to arrange a time to discuss them.

2018.5 Advocacy for Revision of Area Standards

Be it resolved that BCCPAC advocate for revisions to the Ministry of Education Area Standards document for the design of all new or rebuilt schools throughout B.C. that would

- a) Require space allocations in elementary schools for non-enrolling classrooms to ensure there is room for essential elements of quality public education such as art, music, science, individualized learning as per the new curriculum and support for students with special needs,
- b) Require space allocations in elementary schools for not-for-profit licensed out-of-school childcare programs, and
- c) Require at least 0.5% of total construction budget for all schools to include purchase and installation of appropriate accessible playground and outdoor structures in consultation with the school PAC.

Be it further resolved that BCCPAC's advocacy include

- a) Immediately writing a letter to the Ministry of Education asserting that such revisions of the Area Standards document are urgently needed given the current government's expressed intention to increase the pace of seismic mitigation projects throughout the province,
- b) Participating to the greatest extent possible in any Ministry of Education consultations around such revisions, and
- c) Reporting back on outcomes to the BCCPAC membership.

2018.6 Advocacy for Protection of Non-Enrolling Classrooms and Out-of-School Care Space

Be it resolved that BCCPAC advocate for the protection of

- a) Space allocations in elementary schools for non-enrolling classrooms to ensure there is room for essential elements of quality public education such as art, music, science, individualized learning as per the new curriculum and support for students with special needs, and
- b) Space allocations in elementary schools for not-for-profit licensed out-of-school childcare programs.

Be it further resolved that BCCPAC's advocacy include

- a) Immediately writing a letter to the Ministry of Education asserting that protection of such spaces after an elementary school is built is necessary to ensure that they continue to be available for the uses they are allocated for,

b) Participating to the greatest extent possible in any Ministry of Education consultations around developing mechanisms for providing such protection, and reporting back on outcomes to the BCCPAC membership.

2018.7 Children in Care

Be it resolved that BCCPAC lobby the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Families and Child Development to develop a protocol and process to allow children in care to receive timely approval and permission to attend field trips and extracurricular activities.

2018.12.a Protection of the Resource Teacher Position to be Enshrined as a Protected Service

Be it resolved that BCCPAC advocate to define the "Resource Teacher" (LA/LS) as a protected position that should not be assigned to other duties.

2018.13 Instructions to BCCPAC Board

Be it resolved that BCCPAC membership direct the BCCPAC Board to advocate for education funding by making presentations and or submissions to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and other governmental Committees where funding levels are at issue.

Following are the approved Resolutions that may be of specific interest to your organization and you may wish to comment on:

2018.10 Best Practices for Lunch Times

Be it resolved that BCCPAC advocate to the Ministry of Education to determine, establish and provide guidelines to BC school districts and schools that specify the structure and amount of time to be provided to elementary school children to eat lunch, and outlines appropriate levels of adult supervision for elementary school children at lunch time. These guidelines should focus on optimizing learning, behaviour management, nutrition and health outcomes for all BC students.

2018.11 Universal Arts Programming by Specialist Teachers

Be it resolved that

1. BCCPAC advocate that the Ministry of Education provide yearly protected funds, physical space and training specifically designated to ensure democratic access to elementary school arts education by trained art specialists.
2. BCCPAC advocate to ensure investment and protected funding be delivered for training of arts specialists to deliver arts education in every school in British Columbia under the revised BC curriculum.
3. BCCPAC advocate to ensure that protected funds are earmarked for art materials so that BC PACS no longer have to fundraise to sufficiently fund arts education to students.

2018.14 Translated Curriculum Communication Documents

BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to support its ongoing implementation of the new curriculum by providing translated communication documents to support school districts with families whose primary language is not English.

2018.15 Fund full cost of Special Needs Students

Be it resolved that BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to fund the full cost of supporting services for students with special needs and indexed to their respective collective agreements.

2018.16 Consolidated 5 - Year Capital Plans List, Criteria for Project Approval and Prioritization

Be it resolved that BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to make public the Ministry's five-year consolidated capital list on the Ministry website of all prioritized capital plans submitted by all school districts to ensure the process is fair, transparent, and based on need to school boards and the public.



Be it further resolved that BCCPAC advocate for the public release of the criteria for Ministry project approval and prioritization on the decision-making (business-case approval process) of capital plans.

2018.17 Capital Projects Announcement Sequencing

Be it resolved that BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to archive their capital projects announcements by school district and date of announcement.

Be it further resolved that BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education to link above announcements (government news release/s) to the Consolidated Five-Year Capital Plan.

2018.20 Education Budget Pressures

Be it resolved that BCCPAC advocate that the increasing budget pressures faced by school districts be fully funded.

2018.21 Employer Health Tax

Be it resolved that BCCPAC advocate that the new and to be implemented Employer Health Tax effective 2019 be fully funded by the Ministry of Education and government.

2018.22 Graduating Children in Care

Be it resolved that BCCPAC, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family development and/or delegated agency, work to ensure that students in care, who are enrolled in public education, receive the necessary funding to stay in care until they obtain graduation, thereby increasing their potential to achieve their diploma.

2018.23 Revised Teacher Standards

Be it resolved that the new #4 standard for BC Educator retain the words, "Educators understand, respect and support the role of parents and the community in the education of students. Educators communicate effectively and in a timely manner with parents and consider their advice on matters pertaining to their children."

2018.24 Funding to Support Information Technology

Be it resolved that the British Columbia Ministry of Education, Skills and Training provide districts with the funds necessary to properly implement the Information Technology K-7 and 8-12 curricula.

2018.27 Legislation for district and school emergency planning (Carried)

Be it resolved that BCCPAC Advocate for legislation to ensure all schools and districts develop and regularly exercise emergency plans.

If you have any comments or questions about these Resolutions, please direct them to John Gaiptman, CEO (johngaiptman@bccpac.bc.ca).

Sincerely,



Andrea Sinclair, President
on behalf of the BCCPAC Board of Directors