

2017 Nomination and Resolution Book



BCCPAC Annual General Meeting

May 6-7, 2017

Annual General Meeting Location:

Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel
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The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) is a charitable organization registered under the Society Act of BC, representing the parents of children attending provincial public schools. Membership is made up of Parent Advisory Councils (PAC), District Parent Advisory Councils (DPAC), and parent associate members. The BCCPAC Board of Directors is an elected body, voted in by member PACs and DPACs at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Our Mission

The collective voice of parents for the best possible public education of all children in British Columbia.

Our Purposes

- To promote, support and advance meaningful parent participation throughout the public education system in order to advocate for the success of all students; and
- Through our membership, to promote leadership, communication, cooperation, and representation in British Columbia at the school, school district and provincial levels.

Our Vision

To improve public education for all students by including and supporting parents.

BCCPAC Annual General Meeting

**Saturday May 6th &
Sunday May 7th, 2017**

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BCCPAC Board of Directors Term of Office

Newly elected Directors will begin their two-year term thirty days after the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) Annual General Meeting (AGM). Outgoing members of the Board shall hold office and represent the Society for thirty days after the AGM in order to facilitate the change and orientation of new Board Members.

If a position is not filled at the AGM or an elected Director is unable to fulfill their term, then the existing board may appoint a Director to fill the vacancy or the board may hold a by-election at its discretion. An appointed Director will hold the position until the next AGM. If three or more vacancies occur on the board at the same time, a by-election must be held.

At each AGM only a portion of the board positions are up for re-election. Director terms are staggered, to ensure the board is made up of both experienced and new Directors. This has helped maintain the continuity and sustainability of BCCPAC.

Director Position	Term Ends Odd or Even Years	Current Director	Term Expires
President	even	Vacant	2018
1st Vice President	odd	Farah Shroff	2017
2nd Vice President	even	Jen Mezei	2018
Treasurer	odd	Gord Byers	2017
Secretary	even	Kendra Mann	2018
Director	odd	Darlene Campbell	2017
Director	odd	Vacant	2017
Director	even	Tracy Wright	2018
Director	even	Karen Nordquist	2018

Candidates at a Glance

We are pleased to present the 2017 Candidates, who were nominated by their respective parent councils. Each candidate has accepted our terms of office and has agreed to run for election at the May 6th BCCPAC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The elected Board of Directors performs an important and vital role in representing and supporting our members at the provincial level. To help us learn more about each candidate, we presented them with the same set of questions. We have provided their answers in this booklet to give you and your council an opportunity to learn more about them prior to the AGM.

Your council's vote is important!

Only regular members in good standing as of December 15, 2016 are able to vote at the AGM. Your council's vote can be cast by proxy. Please refer to end of this Resolutions Booklet or check the BCCPAC website for information on how to assign and cast your council's proxy vote.

Candidate	School District	President	1st Vice President	Treasurer	Directors (2)
Andrews, Crystal	SD 62 Sooke				•
Byers, Gordon	SD 33 Chilliwack		•		•
Mezei, Jennifer	SD 41 Burnaby	•			

Meet the Candidates

Please join BCCPAC at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel on Friday May 5th at 7:00 pm for a casual evening with the Candidates

Candidate for Director Crystal Andrews School District: 62 Nominated by: SPEAC



I was born and raised 6th generations in Sooke BC, just outside of Victoria. I started out as a stay at home mom. By the time my son was in Grade 2, I was actively involved with the PAC, he is now 15!

I have built a portfolio of workable skills from starting in PAC as a volunteer parent for classroom help, working my way through all the positions from Secretary to President in Elementary and Middle School. In 2010 I started attending the monthly meetings for my DPAC and the end of the year had also caught the BCCPAC bug. From holding the BCCPAC Liaison position, to VP of Communications my involvement on the DPAC level has been a wonderful experience of connection, support and knowledge sharing.

With my varied experience and background I hope to bring many different perspective to BCCPAC. At the same time this will give me a wealth of knowledge to add to my own experiences, and help out in our district. Our districts membership in BCCPAC has dwindled over the last few years and I feel having a member on the Lower Island will help bring the interest and knowledge back to my district.

I currently participate on the BCCPAC bursary and parent nominations committee and have for the last 5 years. Two years ago I was asked to join

the Conference/AGM committee where I worked closely with the other members to bring successful conferences to the membership on budget

I have been a member of the Vancouver Island Parent Conference Planning Committee since 2010. My duties there started out by working with building our exhibitor base. The committee's choices for exhibitors changed over the years. I was involved in those discussions and am proud of where we agreed to go with them. I worked with others on the committee to write policy for the events. At the end of the conference the data was entered on line by me.

I started working in 2010 in a fast paced financial industry. It has given me many skills both certified and personal. The nature and environment of my work entails, leadership through communication, direction and understanding of corporate goals. This is only achieved by the undertaking of performance management, team cooperation and continual feedback and development.

My attention to detail and paperwork is excellent, and accountability is important to me. Time management is a skill I consider myself well versed in, being in a management capacity gives me the ability to build my schedule to my needs. I feel confident I will be able to maintain a work personal/life balance.

BCCPAC needs to improve their communication with members. They need to increase membership, by letting parents know about all of the great work they do for their students. I know of many things that BCCPAC has done over the last many years, but I only know about them because I am closely connected and on committees for BCCPAC. BCCPAC needs to become a household name.

Issues come up and BCCPAC often deals with them but forgets to inform their members and the press that they have done these things. BCCPAC is doing great things! I feel they need to put more energy and resources into communication and membership. Possibly redesigning what "membership" in BCCPAC looks like.

I am a strong supporter. Give me a job and I will get it done. I am well versed in Roberts Rules of Order and feel I can bring my knowledge and experience to help keep the board on track in meetings, and productive outside of formal meetings.

Candidate for 1st Vice President Gord Byers School District: 33 Nominated by: Chilliwack Middle School



My name is Gordon Byers and I am running for the positions of 1st Vice and/or director of the BCCPAC. Currently I have been serving as Treasurer for the last two years. And have decided to rerun for a second term.

My wife & I have one child left in the Chilliwack (SD 33) school system. He is currently finishing up grade nine heading for grade 10. Since I was a child, I have been involved in volunteering. I was involved in the Kiwanis club & volunteering as a candy striper as a teen, as well as just being there to support others. Working with people has always been a passion of mine. Whether its problem solving, listening, or mediating a conversation. I feel that being a good listener is my greatest strength, being able to just listen and be there. Over my years of volunteering and work, I feel that I have been able to see my strengths and were I need to improve. During the last two years I have done some major learning and I really want to continue moving forward. Life is what you make it you need to be true to yourself. Whether that means asking for help or just saying I don't know. The best thing is knowing and being able to go find that information or asking for help. I have the ambition to learn, the need to thrive, & the drive to succeed, develop and grow. I feel these strengths and weakness will help me as I continue to grow on the board.

For the past sixteen years I have worked for Shaw Cable which has helped me to develop into a more independent thinker, a team player, a leader and problem solver. When I am on my own on the jobsite, I need to be able to decide what the best option for the installation is. This job has also taught me balance in life, family, and work. This I feel will be an asset to being involved with the board. Being able to work and still be involved with family is important. So sometimes constraints might not allow me to be involved in meeting. But I'm always an email away. Life is all about making difficult decisions, but sometimes deciding as a group can be the most difficult because of differing opinions. When you make a decision that doesn't always work for everyone but we feel is the best option.

I have been active in the education system since my children started in kindergarten. I'm the parent that was always listening and asking the questions. I was in the schools whenever I could be, checking out my children's classes and keeping in constant communication with their teachers. I didn't start in the PAC executive until my oldest daughter was going into to grade seven (about 6 years ago). From day one I was elected into the DPAC representative role. This blossomed into more involvement outside of a school level and more a district level. I was still was involved at the school level, but I was starting to develop a more broad view of the education system. This eventually led me to take DPAC Chair approximately six years ago, currently being Treasure for BCCPAC for the past two years. Has it been easy? Short answer...no. I just jumped full on into all the different position (school, district, provincial). That's how I learn, by doing. I need to be in the situation to develop and I have really changed over the past two years.

We need to continue to support and listen to the needs of the parents in our education system. The most important issue that I see right now facing us, is the funding for education. And the need for support equally across the board whether you are in Vancouver or Prince George every child should have access to the same resources/support. We as parents need to stand up and realize how this affects our children's education, the leaders of tomorrow. I believe that we need to address this issue from BCCPAC level and be a voice for the parents. BCCPAC continues to be the provincial voice for the BC School system bringing it forward and advocating for change. I still see myself as a person who will gather the info and continue to speak up for the parents.

Thank you for considering my application.
Gordon Byers
BCCPAC Treasurer

**GORD IS ALSO RUNNING FOR THE
POSITION OF:
DIRECTOR**

Candidate for President

Jennifer Mezei

School District: 41 Nominated by: Burnaby DPAC



1. Please tell us about yourself

I am a firm believer in the public education system, and that all children should have access to a quality education where they are able to thrive regardless of where they live, their socio-economic situation, language barriers or learning needs.

In 2009, I helped to establish the North American office of an international renewable energy company. I successfully managed the office as it grew from 3 to 17 employees, and from \$1 million to \$30 million in annual revenues. I designed and oversaw the construction/renovation to bigger offices in 2011 and 2013. I sold my interests in the company in 2014. Working in a rapidly growing company allowed me to hone a variety of skills including HR, legal, finance and administration. I look forward to utilizing these organizational skills for BCCPAC.

I have been involved with PACs and DPACs since 2004, winning the 2010 BCCPAC George Matthews Award for Parent Leadership.

Last year, I was elected to the BCCPAC board of directors in the position of 2nd VP. In June, I was appointed to lead the Leadership Development

Portfolio and tasked with coordinating the DPAC Summit which was held in November. Since January, I have also been responsible for the Communications Portfolio and Ministry Engagement.

2. How will your greatest strength help you perform in your role as a board member?

The greatest strength that will help in my role, if elected as president, is my understanding of the public education system, its bureaucracy and my ability to strengthen the parent voice within it. I am an astute leader with the professionalism and diplomacy skills to facilitate difficult discussions at meetings in a respectful way. I am able to collaborate with parents and other partner groups to bring forth well reasoned suggestions and solutions to issues and concerns and have been a successful advocate for more parent engagement at the school, district and provincial level.

3. What do you find are the most difficult decisions to make? And why?

As an organizational leader, I see contentious and difficult decisions as an opportunity. As parent leaders, we represent varying and diverse opinions and backgrounds. With transparency, effective communication and the opportunity for authentic discussion and input, decisions better reflect the members and help build a more robust organization where people feel valued, represented and heard.

4. How do you see yourself balancing your profession and personal life with the duties as a board member?

Now that I am no longer working full-time, I am able to commit the time required to become an effective board member. I have been an active volunteer and have the support of my husband and family who have been willing to move family commitments to accommodate my volunteer schedule.

5. Describe the involvement that you have with the K12 Education System in BC or elsewhere.

I attended K-12 in the Richmond School district and graduated with an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma.

I have been active as a parent leader in the BC public education system since 2004. At the school level, I have been PAC Chair, SPC member, have been a member of a PAC executive for over 10 years and have been involved with PAC fundraising, event planning and advocacy.

Candidate for President (continued)

Jennifer Mezei

School District: 41 Nominated by: Burnaby DPAC

At the district level, I have been an executive member of the Burnaby DPAC since 2007, was DPAC Chair from 2010-2013, and from 2014-16. I have sat on numerous district committees including: Policy, Education, Special Education Advisory, LGBTQ, MACC Planning Committee, Mini School Planning for Secondary Advanced Learners, and hiring committees.

I was elected to the BCCPAC board as 2nd VP last AGM, although I have presented workshops at BCCPAC conferences and volunteered on BCCPAC committees previously. This year I was Leadership Development Portfolio Director and Staff Supervisor, and more recently the Communications Portfolio and Ministry Engagement Director.

6. Why do you wish to serve on the BCCPAC Board of Directors?

It is important that parent leaders increase the opportunity for engagement at the school, district and provincial levels so that parent views can be included in the planning stages, rather than be an afterthought after decisions and direction have already been determined.

I believe that my unique skill set, knowledge and experiences will help BCCPAC become more responsive to its membership and partner groups on emerging issues as they happen. I would like to improve communication to BCCPAC membership and help foster more avenues for input and discussion.

8. How can BCCPAC best support parents in the BC education system? What important issues would you like to see BCCPAC address in the near future? How would you suggest BCCPAC address these issues?

As a volunteer board, it is a challenge for BCCPAC to balance supporting individual parents, individual PACs and DPACs, advocating at the provincial level, and keeping current of emerging issues in our education system.

I believe the two main functions of BCCPAC fall under partnership and advocacy.

By strengthening our partnerships, BCCPAC will better represent parent voices at the provincial level. By increasing dialogue between PACs, DPACs and BCCPAC throughout the year, BCCPAC will better be able to bring a provincial perspective to emerging issues in a timely way. The DPAC summit was a good example of how BCCPAC, DPACs and the Ministry of Education can have collaborative dialogue to provide a provincial parent perspective on emerging issues.

By supporting and strengthening our DPACs, BCCPAC could help strengthen the parent voice and help improve parent engagement across our province. A strong network of PACs and DPACs across the province will be needed if we want to be successful at advocating for systemic change.

By increasing report frequency to its members, BCCPAC can provide PACs and DPACs the resources to be able to advocate better and participate more fully at the school and district level to proactively deal with local issues.

When it comes to advocacy, our resolutions guide the advocacy work that BCCPAC does. Just because BCCPAC is a non-partisan organization does not mean it cannot be political.

Most of the advocacy work BCCPAC does is on external partner group committees on specific areas and topics. One area that BCCPAC could increase advocacy is in education funding. I would like to see BCCPAC present to the Select Standing Committee on Government Finance and Services to help influence the provincial budget announcement. Advocating to the Ministry of Education as to how Education dollars are allocated is the next important step. Getting funding, however, is only part of the picture. Ensuring that education funding is being used effectively, finishes the cycle. BCCPAC could also help empower DPACs who are not being meaningfully engaged in budget discussions at their district. BCCPAC could help by providing DPACs with a list of questions or ideas to help assist them at their district budget consultation process.

Candidate for President (continued)

Jennifer Mezei

School District: 41 Nominated by: Burnaby DPAC

9. As you think about the primary board roles— ambassador, advocate, collaborator and asker—in which role(s) do you think you will want to be most active?

I have experience and am skilled as ambassador, advocate, collaborator and asker, and although some situations require a primary role, I believe that an effective board member is able to combine these roles.

Each situation is unique, and I look forward to acting as ambassador, advocate, collaborator and asker holistically as required, in a responsive and flexible way.

10. Which school does your child(ren) attend?

I have one son in grade 12 at Burnaby Mountain, and a daughter that is in grade 6 at École Seaforth Elementary. My oldest son graduated from Burnaby Mountain two years ago, and is currently majoring in Computer Science at Langara.

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2017.1 Life Membership for John Bird

Submitted by: BCCPAC Board of Directors (Awards Committee)

Be it resolved that

John Bird be given Life Membership in accordance with part 2.03 c of the Bylaws.

Proposer's Position Statement Supporting the Resolution:

John Bird devoted his life to advocating for student success and achievement. He had shown that parent involvement is key to that success. Through the last 15 + years John had been involved with BCCPAC, he brought vision and courage to the efforts to change the system in order to recognize that student needs must always be the focus. He encouraged parent leadership development throughout the province and was a resource to many PAC leaders all over the province. John was instrumental in building relationships with education partners at the local and provincial level using his personal contacts and expertise to develop working models for partnership. John shared his visionary ideas with BCCPAC and many of our successes can be traced back to his influence and support. John Bird was an excellent example of servant leadership and dedication to the goals of Parent Advisory Councils in British Columbia.

For Many people on PAC's DPAC's and within BCCPAC John had been a mentor and friend. Unfortunately John left this world much too soon. The BCCPAC board feels that John's contributions on the board even for a short time were vast and valued and he deserves to be honoured.

Implementers:

BCCPAC

Interested Parties:

None

CARRIED

DEFEATED

OTHER

2017.2 Advocacy for Single Stall Inclusive Washrooms

Submitted by: BCCPAC Board of Directors

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC advocate for at least one single stall washroom in each school to be designated inclusive for all. Be it further resolved that BCCPAC advocate for additional capital funding to cover the cost of building, or the conversion of an existing bathroom to, at least one single stall inclusive washroom in schools where they do not exist.

Proposer's Position Statement Supporting the Resolution:

The BCCPAC Board of directors believe that every student should have access to a washroom within their school where they feel safe.

In July 2016, the provincial government amended the BC Human Rights code to include explicit protection of "gender identity and gender expression".

In September 2016, the Ministry of Education announced that all public school boards are required to have codes of conduct in their schools to address bullying by articulating the prohibited grounds of discrimination as set out in the British Columbia Human Rights Code.

As the issue of gender-neutral washrooms has emerged at the forefront of the political debate on transgender rights, **we cannot lose sight of the fact that the heart of the issue is that we need to protect the dignity and safety of all students.** Many schools across Canada have been designating washrooms that are not gender-segregated. "Universal" or "Inclusive" washrooms refer to washrooms that can be used by all.

According to Egale Canada (2011), the two school spaces youth felt most unsafe in are change rooms and washrooms:

- 52% of trans youth
- 41% of LGBTQ youth
- and 28% of non-LGBTQ youth identified their school washrooms as unsafe.

"Gender-neutral" washrooms in public schools are typically a single-stall, lockable washroom available to people of all genders and sexes. Gender-neutral accessible or "universal" washrooms provide a safe, private facility for anyone who feels uncomfortable using gender-segregated multi-stall washrooms. Single-stall restrooms also more easily meet the accessibility regulations of the building code.

2017.2 Advocacy for Single Stall Inclusive Washrooms (continued)

Designating an accessible inclusive washroom that can provide privacy for the needs of ANY student is an important step to ensure all of our students feel safe, welcome and included in our buildings.

Implementers:

Ministry of Education
Ministry of Finance
Boards of Education

Interested Parties:

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) 123
BC School Trustees Association
BC Teachers' Federation
BC School Superintendents Association

CARRIED DEFEATED OTHER

2017.3 Advocacy for Single Stall Inclusive Change Rooms

Submitted by: BCCPAC Board of Directors

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC advocate for at least one single stall change room or combination change room/washroom in each school to be designated inclusive for all. Be it further resolved that BCCPAC advocate for additional capital funding to cover the cost of building, or the conversion of an existing bathroom to, at least one single stall inclusive change room or combination change room/washroom situated close to the school gym where they do not exist.

Proposer's Position Statement Supporting the Resolution:

The BCCPAC Board of directors believe that every student should have access to a change room where they feel safe that is situated close to their school gym. The rationale for this resolution closely follows the preceding resolution - Universal Washrooms.

As stated before, **we cannot lose sight of the fact that the heart of the issue is that we need to protect the dignity and safety of all students.** Although there are many schools across Canada that are designating "inclusive" washrooms, many students feel unsafe in open gender-specific change rooms, but are not explicitly given another choice.

According to Egale Canada (2011), the two school spaces youth felt most unsafe in are change rooms and washrooms:

- 52% of trans youth
- 48% of LGBTQ youth
- and 30% of non-LGBTQ youth identified their school change rooms as unsafe.

Designating an accessible inclusive change room that can provide privacy for the needs of ANY student is an important step to ensure all of our students feel safe, welcome and included in our buildings.

Implementers:

Ministry of Education
Ministry of Finance
Boards of Education

Interested Parties:

BC School Trustees Association
BC Teachers' Federation
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) 123

CARRIED DEFEATED OTHER

2017.4 Development, Adoption & Implementation of a Provincial Poverty Reduction Plan

Submitted by: Kootenay Lake DPAC, SD#8

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC advocate for the provincial government to develop, adopt, and implement a long term comprehensive and effective Provincial Poverty Reduction Plan that addresses the root causes of poverty. The plan must include specific policies, clear targets, timelines, and reporting processes to address, at a minimum, the need for affordable housing, income minimums, access to quality, affordable childcare, training, education and community health care with an overall goal of measurably reducing child and family poverty in BC.

Proposer's Position Statement for the Resolution:

Poverty has a significant impact on BC students. The 2016 Child Poverty Report Card, released by First Call Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition last November, confirmed that for yet another year, one in five BC children are living in poverty. Poverty rates in BC are higher than the national rates for the overall population, and especially for children. The percentage of BC children living in poverty is even higher for children under six years of age, currently at 20.1% (<http://still1in5.ca/>). The child (<6 years) poverty rate in Canada has increased from 15.5% to 19.7% since the federal government's 1989 resolution to end child poverty by the year 2000 (<http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim/a26?lang=eng&id=1110015>; <http://firstcallbc.org/news/2016-bc-child-poverty-report-card-release/>). This is evidence that simply resolving to eliminate poverty isn't enough. A clear poverty reduction plan, with legislated goals and timelines is necessary.

BC is now the ONLY province in Canada without a poverty reduction plan. "BC is the only province that has not made a commitment to creating a poverty reduction strategy, despite a vocal nongovernmental sector that has been calling for change for a long time. British Columbia has high income inequality, low minimum wages and social assistance supports, and long waitlists for childcare and health services. The housing market is becoming increasingly more expensive and unattainable for people living in poverty. Something needs to be done. The approximate cost of a comprehensive poverty reduction plan in British Columbia per year is \$3-4 billion dollars while the approximate annual cost of doing nothing is \$8-9 billion." (<http://bcpovertyreduction.ca/learn-more/poverty-reduction-in-canada/>)

Implementer:

Government of British Columbia

Interested Parties:

Ministry of Children and Families
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Finance
BC School Trustees Association

CARRIED **DEFEATED** **OTHER**

2017.5 Installation of Automated External Defibrillators in School Facilities

Submitted by: Kootenay Lake DPAC, SD#8

Be it resolved that

BCCPAC advocate for the installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all school facilities.

Be it further resolved that

All costs associated with purchase, installation and maintenance of AEDs as well as required staff training in their use be fully funded by the government of BC without reducing regular school operating and capital grants.

Proposer's Position Statement for the Resolution:

On February 9, 2006, 13-year-old Chase McEachern collapsed at school of cardiac arrest and died in hospital less than one week later. Throughout the previous year, Chase advocated for an AED in every Ontario school and hockey arena. That still hasn't happened, but through the Chase McEachern Tribute Fund, defibrillators are being made available in Ontario government buildings (https://resuscitation.heartandstroke.ca/chase_meachern). On February 13, 2013, Brian Rigby, a teacher at Twin Rivers Elementary School in Castlegar, collapsed and died of a heart attack at school. Since then, School District 20 has installed AEDs in schools and trained staff in their use.

An AED is a portable electronic device that assesses the heart of a person in cardiac arrest and if an irregular rhythm is detected, instructs the user to press a button and deliver a shock(s) to the victim's heart until it re-establishes an effective rhythm. If an irregularity is not detected, defibrillation is not instructed. With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be easy to use but should still be handled by a person who is trained to use the device and administer CPR.

AEDs are commonly installed in many facilities, such as arenas, community centres, gyms, every London Drugs (!), post-secondary institutions and airports, but not schools, except in Manitoba where they were required by legislation to be installed by January 31, 2014 (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/aed/>).

There are about 40,000 cardiac arrests in Canada every year according to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. However, less than five per cent of victims who suffer an attack outside a hospital survive; the vast majority, 70%, of cardiac arrests occur outside a hospital.

Having an AED onsite can vastly improve a victim's chance of survival. With an AED, the chance of survival from cardiac arrest can increase by 75 per cent or more over CPR on its own. Defibrillation is more successful if performed within five minutes of cardiac arrest, while the chance of survival decreases up to 10 per cent for every minute after the arrest. Calling 911 is necessary, but the wait for first responders may take too long, especially outside of major urban centres.

2017 Resolutions Voting Instructions

Name of PAC/DPAC: _____ School District: _____

Name of Official Delegate: _____

This form may be used to provide your official delegate with directions on how to vote on the items below. By authorizing an official delegate (completing the Proxy Vote Form) you are entrusting the official delegate carrying your proxy to exercise your voting rights on all matters that will be dealt with at the AGM. As BCCPAC has neither the means nor the authority to verify that member voting instructions are followed by official delegates, please be sure communication is clear for the official delegate regarding your DPAC/PACs voting intentions and whether you wish to provide discretion in how to vote, as new information is often shared and presented at the time of debate.

BCCPAC urges each member to choose their official delegate(s) wisely.

BCCPAC has no way of guaranteeing that the official delegate will vote the way your council wishes.

Proposed Resolutions		Voting Instructions		
1.	Life Membership for John Bird	Yes	No	Open
2.	Advocacy for Single Stall Inclusive Washrooms	Yes	No	Open
3.	Advocacy for Single Stall Inclusive Change Rooms	Yes	No	Open
4.	Development, Adoption & Implementation of a Provincial Poverty Reduction Plan	Yes	No	Open
5.	Installation of Automated External Defibrillators in School Facilities	Yes	No	Open

2017 Board of Directors Voting Instructions

Name of PAC/DPAC: _____ School District: _____

Name of Official Delegate: _____

Candidate	School District	President	1st Vice President	Treasurer	Directors (2)
Andrews, Crystal	SD 62 Sooke				•
Byers, Gordon	SD 33 Chilliwack		•		•
Mezei, Jennifer	SD 41 Burnaby	•			

Voting instructions for your PAC/DPAC Official Delegate: If there is only one candidate for a position a vote of Yes or No is required in order to confirm the candidate in the position. If there are more than two candidates for any single position, voting will be done by a preferential balloting method using the simple majority process. Please indicate the first and/or second candidate choice, or a Yes/No confirmation, your PAC/DPAC is voting for. Leave blank if your PAC/DPAC has no preference, allowing the official delegate to choose on your behalf. Please keep in mind that persons may be running for more than one position.

BCCPAC has no way of guaranteeing that the official delegate will vote the way your council wishes.

Position	Yes/No or Choice #1	Choice #2
President		
1st Vice President		
Treasurer		
Director #1		
Director #2		

Annual General Meeting Voting Information and Proxy Rules

The following applies to all Members:

1. Each Regular Member in good standing is entitled to vote. For the purposes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) a Regular Member is in good standing if membership fees have been paid by December 15, 2016. To vote, a Regular Member in good standing must complete a proxy vote form and submit it to BCCPAC in exchange for a voting card.
2. Life, Honourary and Associate Members are not entitled to vote.
3. All proxy vote forms must be completed and signed by two members of that member's PAC/DPAC executive in order for an official delegate to exercise Regular Member voting rights.
4. In order to allow for the efficient operation of the AGM, members are encouraged to mail, fax, or scan and email completed proxy vote forms to the BCCPAC office in advance. Proxy vote forms received in this manner no later than April 28, 2017 at 4:30 pm, will be verified and registered by BCCPAC in advance of the AGM. Voting cards for these proxy vote forms may be picked up by the official delegate at the Proxy Room with proof of identity. Confirmation of proxy vote forms that are submitted in advance will be sent within three days of receipt and registration to the Executive officers who signed the form. If you do not receive confirmation please contact the office.
5. Proxy vote forms not received by April 28, 2017 at 4:30 pm are required to be delivered to the Proxy Room at the venue (which will be open during the Spring Conference) in order to receive a voting card to participate at the AGM. Please note that as proxy vote forms need to be validated and processed before they can be exchanged for voting cards, BCCPAC cannot guarantee that proxy vote forms received after 5:00 pm on May 5, 2017 will be processed and exchanged for voting cards in time for the start of the AGM.
6. The official delegate carrying your proxy vote should be aware of how your council wishes its vote to be cast (Voting Instruction Forms have been provided in this booklet and are available on the BCCPAC website). Members should be aware that new information frequently comes to light during the debate on a resolution. Please be aware that by authorizing an official delegate and/or authorizing the transfer of your proxy vote you are assigning your voting right to the official delegate who holds your proxy vote at the time of any vote. **BCCPAC has no way of guaranteeing that the official delegate will vote the way your council wishes.**
7. Members who are unable to send their own PAC or DPAC delegate to the AGM or whose official delegate cannot be present for the entire meeting may authorize another person present to cast their vote.

How to Use a Proxy Form

Prior to the AGM:

- Fill out the proxy form.
- Have the proxy form signed by two members of your council's executive.
- Mail original (keep a copy for your records), fax, or scan and email a copy of the proxy form to BCCPAC no later than April 28, 2017 OR Bring the signed proxy vote form to the venue on May 5th, 2017

For the Annual General Meeting:

- Bring your proxy form with you
- Upon arrival, please register at the BCCPAC registration desk to receive your AGM delegate package
- Please go to the Proxy Room to register proxy vote form(s) (if these were not sent to the BCCPAC office in advance) and/or to pick up voting cards.

Authorized Proxy Vote Form

1. Every Regular Member in good standing, which has paid their membership fees by December 15, 2016 is entitled to vote at the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM). All Regular Members wishing to vote must designate an official delegate(s) to vote on their behalf. Each Regular Member must complete their own authorized proxy vote form with the appropriate council executive signatures.
2. A proxy vote may be transferred to another registered AGM delegate in the event an official delegate cannot be present for the entire Annual General Meeting.

If you do not wish to authorize a transfer check here

In compliance with the Bylaws of the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, Part 4.10:

For Office Use:

Voting Card # _____

We, _____
(Name of Member) (School District #)

hereby authorize _____
(Name of Official Delegate)

or, _____
(Name of Alternate Official Delegate)

to vote on our behalf.

 Signature Signature

 Member Council Executive Title Member Council Executive Title

 Phone Phone

For Office Use:

Official Delegate/Alternate: _____
Print Name Signature

Transfer Authorization to: _____
Print Name School/District PAC

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