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Message from the Board

Dear Members,

As we move through the school year and enjoy the vibrant colours of fall, the Board of BCCPAC would like to share some recent updates, highlights of our work, and ways you

can get involved.

A Season of Engagement and Advocacy

We've had a strong start to the fall with several successful events that brought together parents and partners from across the province. Our commitment to meaningful advocacy remains strong, and we continue to engage with the Ministry of Education and Child Care, as well as other key partner groups, to represent parent voices on the issues that matter most to families.

However, it's important to note that our participation in Ministry committees is currently on hold due to the ongoing strike action involving BCGEU members. We are monitoring the situation closely and remain ready to re-engage as soon as those committees resume. In the meantime, we continue to communicate with Ministry representatives to ensure parent concerns remain visible and top of mind.

Getting to Know Each Other as a New Board

This year brings fresh perspectives to the table, with most of our Board members having served less than one year in their roles. As a team, we are still getting to know each other and building our working relationships. There's a strong sense of collaboration and shared purpose, and we're committed to bringing forward the voices of our members in all that we do. As we continue to grow together, your input and engagement help shape our direction and strengthen our efforts.

Looking Ahead: Membership Summit

We're excited to be planning our upcoming BCCPAC Membership Summit, taking place November 15, 2025. This event is designed as a learning opportunity for all members—whether you're a new PAC/DPAC executive or a long-time advocate. The Summit will provide valuable training, resources, and networking to help strengthen your role in supporting students and school communities. It's a chance to connect with others, ask questions, and leave with practical tools and knowledge.

More details will be shared soon, and we encourage all PACs and DPACs to participate.

Committees: The Heart of Our Work

Much of the real work of BCCPAC happens in our committees, where issues are explored, solutions are developed, and advocacy is shaped. As a governance board, our board meetings are primarily focused on approvals, most deep discussions take place at the committee level.

We're currently working to get this year's committees up and running, but we need your help. We are actively seeking member volunteers to join our committees. Having broad participation ensures we gather diverse, authentic input from across the province. Whether you're experienced or new to BCCPAC, your perspective matters, and your involvement is essential. A HUGE Thank you to our current volunteers who are engaged on the Finance Committee and Inclusive Education Committee. We would love to get more volunteers for most committees but priority currently are the Resolutions Committee, Governance Committee and the Indigenous Education Committee.

Increasing Transparency

We recognize the importance of keeping members informed and engaged. To support this, we are working to provide more transparency through summary reports from agenda packages and updates after board meetings. Remember, board meetings are open to the public, and members are always welcome to attend. However, as mentioned, these meetings primarily serve a governance function, with most of the detailed work happening within committees. Board meetings are public and are tentatively held the first Sunday of each month.

Thank You

We'd like to thank all our PACs and DPACs for your continued support and advocacy. Your voices and efforts are critical in shaping a strong, inclusive public education system for all students.

If you're interested in volunteering for a committee, attending the Membership Summit, or simply have a question—please check our website as there are many ways to get involved. We're here to listen and support you.

Warm regards,
BCCPAC Board of Directors

Message from the Executive Director

Our organization is dedicated to amplifying the voices of parents and fostering collaboration within the education community. Central to our mission are the principles of transparency, accountability, and building meaningful connections with our members.

We continue to work closely with the Ministry of Education and Child Care, as well as our educational partners, to represent the collective voice of parents. Our goal is to ensure that family perspectives are genuinely incorporated into provincial discussions and decision-making.

I invite DPAC leaders to connect with me to discuss your district's priorities and explore how BCCPAC can best support your work. Please reach out by email, executivedirector@bccpac.bc.ca, to arrange a conversation. Your perspectives are essential as we continue to strengthen parent leadership and collaboration across the province.

As we look ahead to the new year, I am excited to announce that we will be hosting a BCCPAC Town Hall in early 2026. This open forum is designed to promote direct dialogue between us and you, our valued members. It will be an excellent opportunity to share important updates about our organizational structure, outline our vision for the future, and gather your insights on how we can further strengthen support for parent leaders across the province.

Warm regards,
Non Ha, Executive Director

Membership Finance Questions Response Letter

BCCPAC appreciates the continued engagement of its members and reaffirms its commitment to transparency, accountability, and compliance with the BC Societies Act, applicable legislation, and recognized non-profit governance standards.

This response letter addresses recent questions and commentary regarding financial transparency, compensation disclosure, and budget adoption authority.

Follow the link to read the BCCPAC Membership [Finance Questions Response Letter](#).

DPAC Chat with the Board - Zoom Event

Join the BCCPAC Board of Directors for an engaging virtual conversation with DPAC leaders across the province. This DPAC Chat with the Board event will take place on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (via Zoom).

This is an opportunity to share updates, ask questions, and discuss priorities that matter most to your district parent community. Your perspectives help guide our ongoing advocacy and strengthen collaboration among parent leaders.

DPAC Chat with the Board Registration: [DPAC Chat with the Board \(Nov 12\)](#)

BCCPAC Committee Updates

Events Committee

The Events Committee has secured speakers for the 2025 Membership Summit. Additionally, we are discussing the results from the Survey in regards to locations for the 2026 AGM and conference. The Events Committee would welcome some more member volunteers to have a more thorough provincial voice.

Indigenous Education Committee

Currently our Indigenous Education Committee needs volunteers to join the committee as we are looking at how to better support our indigenous parents and students across our province within our mandates.

An open meeting has been scheduled for November 19, 2025, at 7 pm. This meeting will allow parents to come out and talk before deciding if they would like to become a committee member.

Please join us at this open forum with your ideas for projects for the year, any challenges you are having within your district, and questions you may have or to simply just meet our Indigenous Director and gather some information.

You do not need to be indigenous to be a member of this committee ... you just need to have passion. However, as always, to join and be a volunteer with any committee, your PAC or DPAC does need to hold a BCCPAC membership.

If you have any questions or would like a direct link to be a part of this meeting, please contact our Indigenous Director Victoria Brekkaas ... directorindigenous@bccpac.bc.ca.

2025 Platinum Sponsor



We are proud to work alongside this year's Platinum Sponsor, BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society. Their partnership, and that of all of our sponsors, helps us to deliver programming and resources to our members. Please read about their [Active Play Club](#) program.

Community Resources

Community Gaming Grants Branch

The Community Gaming Grants Branch (CGGB) has informed BCCPAC that grants will be deposited as usual and are not affected by the current strike. However, there may be a delay in the distribution of approval letters. For any follow-up or questions about your application, please contact the CGGB directly.

BC Teacher's Council

The [BC Teachers' Council](#) (BCTC) has recently reviewed and approved its 2025-2026 Workplan. View the council's [October 2025 meeting minutes](#) (item #5) to view the full list of goals. Reminder: BCTC meetings are open to the public and the registration process is detailed on the [BCTC website](#).

FamilySmart

This November, FamilySmart will host free online learning sessions focused on youth mental health and substance use. Additionally, there will be an in-person event in

Coquitlam titled "Raising Children with ADHD: Finding Calm in Emotional Unpredictability." These sessions will offer practical strategies, shared experiences, and expert insights to assist families throughout British Columbia. To learn more and register, please visit [FamilySmart](#).

Membership Renewal

Registration is now open; renew or join today and help strengthen the parent voice in BC public education.

As we head into a new membership year, we want to take a moment to **thank you** for being part of our community and encourage your PAC/DPAC to [renew its membership](#). Reminder: BCCPAC membership fees qualify as an eligible use of Gaming Grant funds.

Membership payments received by December 31 will ensure your PAC/DPAC has voting privileges at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and that your membership is not terminated per our Bylaws. Members whose payments are received after December 31 may attend and speak at the AGM but will not have voting rights.

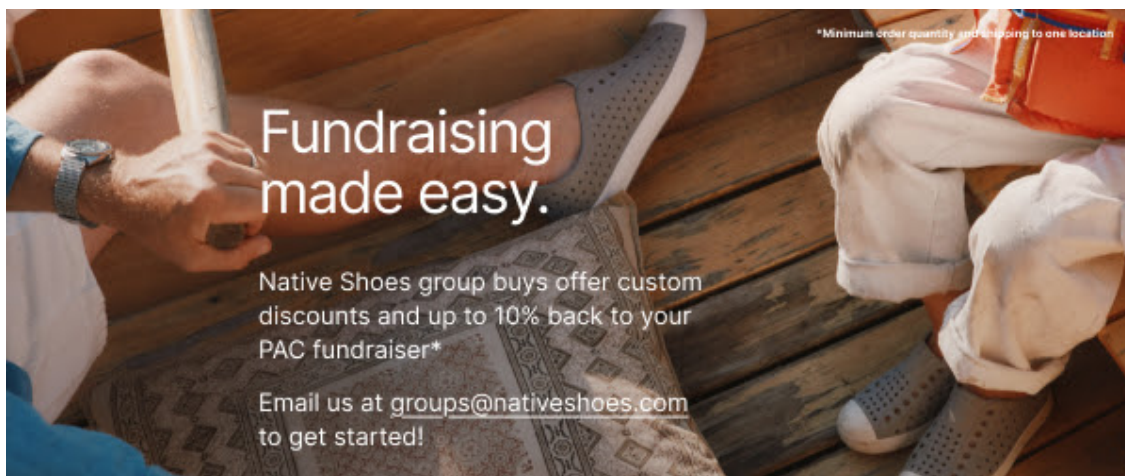
Upcoming Events

November 2, 2025	BCCPAC Board Meeting
November 12, 2025	DPAC Chat with the Board via Zoom
November 15, 2025	Virtual Membership Summit
December 7, 2025	BCCPAC Board Meeting

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