



BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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via email

On behalf of the BCCPAC Board of Directors, thank you for your time and dedication in trying to bring about the formation of a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) for Nechako Lakes.

It is truly for the benefit of the parents in the district that they are more formally represented at the district level, with the Board of Education staff and other stakeholders and the elected Board of Trustees. The absence of a DPAC means the parents are not "at the table" formally as a stakeholder; there are only a few districts of the total 60 who struggle to form a DPAC and we are endeavoring to assist those parents.

As a recognized partner of the district Board of Education, the DPAC is the official representative (stakeholder) of the parent voice within the district. DPACs are recognized in the School Act (Sec 8.4, 8.5) and can advise the Board of Education respecting any matter relating to education within the district. Like a PAC, the DPAC is composed of, run and managed by parents, per their own Bylaws, and elected at an annual general meeting.

Thank you again for the commitment and leadership you have demonstrated at bringing parents and district staff together and your advocacy on behalf of parents in bringing about this change.

Please keep us apprised of the progress and if there is any way BCCPAC can further support you personally or the DPAC going forward.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrea Sinclair", is written over the "Best Regards," text.

Andrea Sinclair, President
on behalf of the Board of Directors