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Ordinary Resolutions

Submitted by Surrey DPAC, SD36

for

2018 BCCPAC Conference and AGM

TITLE: Instructions to BCCPAC Board

SUBMITTED BY: Surrey District Parents Advisory Council, School District #36

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Tan

BE IT RESOLVED that BCCPAC membership direct the BCCPAC Board to advocate for education funding by making presentations to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and other governmental Committees where funding levels are at issue.

PROPOSER'S POSITION STATEMENT: BCCPAC has meetings throughout the year with Ministry of Education official on membership concerns (via resolutions). Other government officials (MLAs, Cabinet Members, Treasury Board and staff, Board of Trustees, etc) need to hear directly from BCCPAC membership (PAC and DPAC) priorities and concerns.

IMPLEMENTERS: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, School Districts and Boards

INTERESTED PARTIES: PACS and DPACS

TITLE: Translated Curriculum Communication Documents

SUBMITTED BY: Surrey District Parents Advisory Council, School District #36

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Tan

BE IT RESOLVED that BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education provide translated curriculum communication documents (brochures, handouts, fact-sheets, etc) to school districts into the most common languages in BC (according to WelcomeBC): French, Spanish, Chinese, German, Punjabi, Korean, Tagalog, and Farsi.

PROPOSER'S POSITION STATEMENT: Different school districts are duplicating efforts and spending money in procuring translation services for the same curriculum communication. Ministry of Education needs to provide a lean and cost-effective, efficient and economical approach to ensure a consistent message and the intent of the communication. Documents should be translated into the most common languages in BC (according to WelcomeBC): French, Spanish, Chinese, German, Punjabi, Korean, Tagalog, and Farsi. Eg: Graduation Numeracy Assessment: Information for parents, Dec 2017 (http://bccpac.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Graduation_Numeracy_Brochure.pdf)

IMPLEMENTERS: Ministry of Education

INTERESTED PARTIES: Boards of Education

TITLE: Fund full cost of Special Needs Students

SUBMITTED BY: Surrey District Parents Advisory Council, School District #36

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Tan

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.

PROPOSER'S POSITION STATEMENT: The current funding formula funds in the following manner: Level 1 special needs student, \$38,140; Level 2 special needs student, \$19,020; Level 3 special needs student, \$9,610. The ratio for a Level 1 special needs student requires one worker to one student. One full-time worker costs approximately \$55K and is currently being funded at \$38,140 resulting in a shortage of approximately \$17K. When districts are being underfunded for special needs students, districts must deal with budget pressures by eliminating or reducing other programs or costs.

IMPLEMENTERS: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Education Funding Formula Review Technical Committee, Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

INTERESTED PARTIES: Boards of Education

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

SUBMITTED BY: Surrey District Parents Advisory Council, School District #36

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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.

PROPOSER'S POSITION STATEMENT: A change in government or Ministry leadership changes the priorities of government and not necessarily that of the school districts. The public does not get to hear the 5Ws: what, where, when, why, how of that decision-making process/prioritization. Eg: Election promises trump prior announcements of new school construction.

IMPLEMENTERS: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

INTERESTED PARTIES: Boards of Education, BC School Trustees Association

TITLE: Capital Projects Announcement Sequencing

SUBMITTED BY: Surrey District Parents Advisory Council, School District #36

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Tan

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.

PROPOSER'S POSITION STATEMENT: Many announcements/ re-announcements are made at several stages before a Capital Project is completed. The public is confused by the plethora of announcements and need a simple, easily accessible source to validate/ verify their queries.

IMPLEMENTERS: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

INTERESTED PARTIES: Boards of Education, BC School Trustees Association

TITLE: Randomized Standard Testing

SUBMITTED BY: Surrey District Parents Advisory Council, School District #36

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Tan

BE IT RESOLVED that BCCPAC advocate that standardized tests (similar to those of OECD, PISA) be administered on a randomized selection of students, schools throughout all the school district at the beginning, middle, and end of the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those standardized test results not shared with third-party interests for ranking purposes (eg: Fraser Institute) except through a Freedom of Information request.

PROPOSER'S POSITION STATEMENT: Current Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) tests do not necessarily measure student progress.

IMPLEMENTERS: Ministry of Education, BC School Trustees Association, BC Teachers Federation

INTERESTED PARTIES: Boards of Education

TITLE: Budget Pressures of Growing Districts

SUBMITTED BY: Surrey District Parents Advisory Council, School District #36

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Tan

BE IT RESOLVED that BCCPAC advocate that the increasing budget pressures faced by growing school districts be fully funded.

PROPOSER'S POSITION STATEMENT: The current funding formula addresses and protects funding for declining enrollment. It does not take into account budget pressures faced by unique characteristics of growing school districts and school boards. The formula needs to address budget pressures such as:

1. Acquiring, placing, outfitting, operating and maintaining portable classrooms
2. Increased maintenance and operating costs for overcrowded school buildings operating on an extended day schedule.

IMPLEMENTERS: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Education Funding Formula Review Technical Committee, Ministry of Finance, Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

INTERESTED PARTIES: Boards of Education

TITLE: Education Budget Pressures

SUBMITTED BY: Surrey District Parents Advisory Council, School District #36

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Tan

BE IT RESOLVED that BCCPAC advocate that the increasing budget pressures faced by school districts be fully funded.

PROPOSER'S POSITION STATEMENT: The current funding formula works fairly well, however, it does not take into account budget pressures faced by school districts and school boards. The formula needs to address budget pressures such as:

1. The full cost of supporting services for students with special needs
2. Annual inflation costs for such things as supplies, services, energy and employee benefits;
3. Technology infrastructure, hardware, software and support services;
4. Salary increases for non-unionized employee groups;
5. The full costs required to appropriately maintain district facilities (Annual Facilities Grant funding) to ensure these assets are kept to a standard that fully meets the operational and educational needs of our students.

IMPLEMENTERS: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Education Funding Formula Review Technical Committee, Ministry of Finance, Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

INTERESTED PARTIES: Boards of Education

TITLE: Employer Health Tax

SUBMITTED BY: Surrey District Parents Advisory Council, School District #36

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Tan

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

PROPOSER'S POSITION STATEMENT: The Employer Health Tax will decrease current operating budgets by 2% of the payroll of a district. As the payroll comprises 80% of a district budget or more, this is a major unfunded cost for Boards of Education.

IMPLEMENTERS: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Education Funding Formula Review Technical Committee, Ministry of Finance, Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

INTERESTED PARTIES: Boards of Education; BC School Trustees Association.