## **Background of PAC:**

The <u>School Act</u> gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school.

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.

## **Purposes of PAC:**

- 1. To advise the school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities.
- 2. To organize PAC activities and events and endeavor to provide parent education.
- 3. To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
- 4. To communicate with parents, and to promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.
- 5. To assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students.
- 6. To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.
- 7. To advise and participate in the activities of the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).

## **How Parents can Participate in PAC:**

Begbie's PAC is always looking for official and unofficial members, along with volunteers. Here are different ways you can participate with and support the PAC:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- volunteering in school events; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools
- signing-up to PAC's email group to receive communications.

## **Contact PAC:**

For more information, please send us an email:

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