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Hi PAC leaders,

September 2016

In an effort to connect and include all of our members in the conversation at VCPAC we have decided to produce a 'Points to Ponder' notice. It should come out the week of our meeting and will contain the essence of what we are talking about at VCPAC. We invite you to include these things in the conversations you have with your members so your representative will be able to share it with us. If you have no representative at this time, please send your thoughts and feedback via your liaison or to info@vcpac.ca.

Points to Ponder (Details are below for anything you see of interest.)

Emergency Prep BC Shake Out Oct 20 what will you be doing to practice response

District Committee work most meet from 3:30-6:00PM

Transfer priorities - The policy needs updating. What should be factored into the decision of whether your child can get into a school?

Budgets - We have a budget to decide on and want to know what is important to you.

Finding a new, respectful, effective way to advise the board

Focus on student services - what does your PAC see needs to get more attention?

PAC Chair Summit - This fall what do you want to talk about with fellow Chairs. Date TBA

Emergency Prep - Marketa Lund is working with a multi jurisdictional committee to do a practice drill at Quadra during the BC Shake Out. Our District will be doing follow-up events in the spring to increase our readiness in the case of a disaster. Keep an eye out for information as it flows through the principals and from VCPAC. We encourage you to take advantage of any opportunity to increase your readiness at home or school October 20th.

There are several district committees on the horizon. If you have a parent interested in getting involved in this important part of parent leadership please let us know about them. Here are some of the things in the works; long term facilities plan committee & (sub committees), equity committee, dress code, & transfer policy to name a few.

We had a round table discussion on the priorities for parents regarding eligibility to enrol at any school in our district. To get the thoughts flowing here are some things we explored. Is neighbourhood proximity most important? Even with district programs? Is keeping families together important? Does moving outside of the neighbourhood have any bearing on staying in the school or not? What about high school sports team rules on changing schools should they matter? What about social impacts?

VCPAC budget focus is on making connections to PACs at all levels, increasing capacity, strengthening leadership skills and parent knowledge. What do you think that funding should go to? We have some goals and ideas, but we also want to support our members in their goals so what are they?



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A decision by SD61 Education Board Chair in June ended a 25 year practice of allowing stakeholders to participate in the discussion at the board table. We have worked over the summer to understand the history and the current ruling. We have also worked to restore this important point of contact to advise the board and district on the parent perspective when they are making decisions. There was a motion to reaffirm the right of voice but voting on it has been put off for another day. For now we can not speak from our seat at board meeting. For this reason the VCPAC executive is looking at more useful means to do our work. Since attending board meetings is not effective and has often been abusive, we have decided to step away for a time. We remain aware of the items on their agenda and will advise the board when we see the need. Much of our work is done away from the Board room. We are happy to take a break from the politics.

Our focus is on students, what are you doing to increase their sense of belonging, being valued, enriched, supported and encouraged? Can we help move it along? What needs improving across the district/at your school level (ie Elementary, Middle, Sr. Sec.).

Help us update our records send us an email to info@vcpac.ca:

Who is your rep?	Contact info
Who is your executive?	Contact info

PAC Liaison List

<u>Arbutus Global Middle</u>	Audrey	<u>Hillcrest Elementary</u>	Audrey	<u>Reynolds Secondary</u>	Marketa
<u>Braefoot Elementary</u>	Swati	<u>HLL/SJ Willis</u>	Audrey	<u>Rockheights Middle</u>	Norm
<u>Campus View Elementary</u>	Audrey	<u>James Bay Elementary</u>	Jodi	<u>Rogers Elementary</u>	Audrey
<u>Cedar Hill Middle</u>	Swati	<u>Lakehill Elementary</u>	Audrey	<u>Shoreline Middle</u>	Norm
<u>Central Middle</u>	Marketa	<u>Lambrick Park Secondary</u>	Jodi	<u>Sir James Douglas Elementary</u>	Jodi
<u>Cloverdale Traditional</u>	Audrey	<u>Lansdowne Middle</u>	Marketa	<u>South Park Elementary</u>	Jodi
<u>Colquitz Middle</u>	Audrey	<u>Macaulay Elementary</u>	Norm	<u>Spectrum Community</u>	Audrey
<u>Craigflower Elementar</u>	Swati	<u>Margaret Jenkins Elem</u>	Jodi	<u>Strawberry Vale Elementary</u>	Audrey
<u>Doncaster Elementary</u>	Marketa	<u>Marigold Elementary</u>	Swati	<u>Tillicum Elementary</u>	Audrey
<u>Eagle View Elementary</u>	Swati	<u>McKenzie Elementary</u>	Swati	<u>Torquay Elementary</u>	Audrey
<u>Esquimalt Secondary</u>	Norm	<u>Monterey Middle</u>	Jodi	<u>Victor School</u>	Audrey
<u>Frank Hobbs Elementary</u>	Audrey	<u>Mount Douglas Secondary</u>	Audrey	<u>Victoria High</u>	Marketa
<u>George Jay Elementary</u>	Marketa	<u>Northridge Elementary</u>	Audrey	<u>Victoria West Elementary</u>	Norm
<u>Glanford Middle</u>	Swati	<u>Oak Bay Secondary</u>	Audrey	<u>View Royal Elementary</u>	Norm
<u>Gordon Head Middle</u>	Audrey	<u>Oaklands Elementary</u>	Marketa	<u>Willows Elementary</u>	Jodi
		<u>Quadra Elementary</u>	Marketa		

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Looking forward to a rewarding year with you,
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