

# BCSD Parent Consultative Committee

Come join us for our next Parent only meeting  
December 8, 6:30, South Slope Library.  
There will be coffee, tea and light snacks.

## Agenda:

- PCC Roles, responsibilities and goals
- Parent Involvement – 100years celebrations, BCSD promotions
- Accreditation
- Deaf Mentors, Previous Parents, Student Representation

## What is the PCC?

Similar to a PAC we act as the Parents voice when it comes to decisions relating to the school, improvement and achievement.

We know it can be tough finding space in your busy schedule, but we hope you can make it. If you are interested an online weblink can be provided for you to join remotely.

Please contact [scjcoyle@gmail.com](mailto:scjcoyle@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Find below meeting minutes from November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting**

PCC November 3, 2015

In Attendance: BCSD- Lisa Menien, Margaret Paris, Christine Ehrlich-Brady  
Parents- Charlie Coyle, Heather Ratzlaff, Marcela Kline, Liz Cooney,  
Gwen Wong, Laura Batista

Regrets: Jennifer Zuvic (BCSD), Jascine Peterson, Joy Santos

Admin Updates- BCSD Elementary Program

45 Students from K-7. Most primary students are in 2 grade splits while intermediate are in 3 grade (5/6/7) splits. Some intermediate students are mainstreaming with South Slope classes, which tends to be established the year before so South Slope staff, students, and additional staff supports can be arranged. Alana Haller is Learning Supports Services, Jennifer Zuvic is Head teacher.

Some of our new (& not so new) Support Staff:

\*Anne Ross is the new Occupational Therapist. She lives in Kelowna and works .5 for K-12. She works 2 weeks per month as she lives in Kelowna. Goal is to do assessments and train EA's to support during the school day. OT works with home plans already established by families OT/PT if there is one.

\*Tatiana Sitar is a Certified Behaviour Consultant who works .5- K-12. Her responsibilities are (upon referral) to observe students in class, assess & help to develop behavior (& safety plans where needed) to support students in social/emotional skills, behavior regulation, communication etc.

\*Sydelle Murphy is the SLP – her role remains the same as last year (.8)

\*Russ Ward – one of our EAs, who is an ASL instructor, will be working part of his time teaching 2x's/week (30min each) – “ASL Café” to South Slope staff and any other new staff interested in learning ASL. He will also be starting ASL classes with the SS students and hopefully a parent class as well (if time permits). In addition he works as an EA to support students in one of the Int classrooms.

Referral processes for in school services can come from parent or teacher. All referrals go through Alana, and forms will be sent home outlining services requested.

BCSD admin. thanks all the parent volunteers who supported the 100 years celebration of Deaf Education. Admin is hoping to have monthly events and any further support would be appreciated.

There will be a Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be collaborative with BCSD/South Slope. Theme is “Peace is in our Hands”.

BC has a new curriculum roll out. Links below explain key points.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>

### BCSD Secondary Program:

Christine Ehrlich-Brady provided an update of for the secondary program

High School has 64 students, 48 in the Deaf Program 14 in the Oral program. While classes are separated the students interact with each other during lunch and breaks. VCC Partnership for grade 12 students interested in developing trades skills. Students have a double block of math and English and then attend VCC in the afternoons. Friday's students take certificate programs ie: WHIMS, First Aid, Drivers Licensing. There is also one student in the ACE-it program for graphic design. VCC partnership is in response to literacy levels of some student's not meeting criteria for ACE-it programs.

BCSD Grizzlies (basketball) are back for another season, and a swim team is starting this year.

Lisa has visited the School for Deaf in Washington State and will be putting things in motion to Begin the Accreditation process for the 2017 year. It is a National program and the last time the school was accredited was in 1997. PCC support has been requested in this process.

PERCHD process is changing. Next meeting with the Ministry of Education is November 19. Ultimately the decision process for entrances to BCSD will rest with the school. Parents no longer need to go to their local school district or through the Ministry in order to apply to go to BCSD.

Proposal from Sarah Coyle that meetings with Admin are bi-monthly and parents have the chance to meet bi-monthly without Admin to discuss concerns, make suggestions and put together cohesive idea's to present to admin team. Meetings are at 6:30, dates are as follows:

December 8 (parents)  
January 12 (all)  
February 9 (parents)  
March 8 (all)  
April 12 (parents)  
May 10 (all)

Lisa can provide "Go to meeting" links for parents who are outreach or unable to commute. There will also be discussions around carpooling.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.