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Exploratory Talks Begin on Classroom Resources Fund

The Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) originally proposed the concept of a “Classroom Resources Fund”, designed to meet the needs of all students, in January 2012. The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) passed a resolution at its 2014 AGM calling for the new funding model.

On Thursday, September 4, 2014, BCCPAC together with VCPAC President, John Bird, met with the Minister of Education, Peter Fassbender, to present the parent-conceived vision of classroom support. It received a positive response from the Minister as noted in his public speech on September 5th.

On Friday, September 5, 2014, the same presentation was made to the president of the BC Teachers’ Federation (BCTF), Jim Iker, and 1st Vice-President, Glen Hansman.

“The meetings went well and I was encouraged by their willingness to explore the idea further, said Bird. “Given the current situation, I believe we need to move quickly to further develop the Classroom Resource Fund concept in collaboration with our partners in education.”

Exploratory discussions have begun with the Ministry of Education to examine the proposal in more detail and to develop terms of reference for a possible pilot project.

“It is time to look at resourcing classrooms in a way that builds on the strengths and addresses the challenges of each and every student”, said Bird.

The Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) is the official representative for Parent Advisory Councils in School District 61.

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