

## **Orientation Package for DPAC Reps 2009/10**

### **About NVPAC**

North Vancouver Parents Advisory Council is the District PAC and is here to help parents participate fully and effectively in the public education system. As the legislated voice of parents in schools and the School District, our individual school PACs and DPAC work together to discuss issues, share ideas, and learn from each other as we participate in the public process of education. As parents, we can volunteer in our schools, advocate for our children, take an active role in community consultation, serve on working committees to affect policy and programs, and genuinely take part in ensuring that our schools are serving our students in the most effective way. At NVPAC, we focus on building strong relationships and constantly improving communications through our network of active and dedicated parent volunteers. We help build and participate in the broader outlook of education in our district. NVPAC General Meetings are usually the second to last Thursday of each month but check our schedule posted here on our website.

### Our Executive

#### **NVPAC Executive 2009 2010**

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| <b>Co-Chairs</b>       | David Whitehead<br>Leslie Uhlenbruck     |
| <b>Vice Chair</b>      | Mike McGraw<br>Jane Lagdon               |
| <b>Treasurer</b>       | Holborne                                 |
| <b>Secretary</b>       | Susan Corcoran                           |
| <b>Past Chair</b>      | Lisa Cartwright                          |
| <b>Registrar</b>       | Stefanie Barilla                         |
| <b>Member at Large</b> | Todd Dea<br>Bob Gifford<br>Cyndi Gerlach |

### Our Purpose

- To communicate with parents
- To communicate with partner groups
- To support and mentor PACs
- To provide information and education to parents
- To advocate at a district level

### Our Partner Groups

- Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)-Local 389
- North Vancouver Teachers Association (NVTA)
- NV School District 44 Administration
- North Vancouver Board of Education
- Association of Elementary Administrators
- Secondary Study Group

### Our Communication

- Regular General meetings
- Effective Email Communications through the DPAC Rep
- Newsletter (sent out via email)
- Website-contains information such as meeting dates, posted letters, contacts, calendar and more)

Our Involvement

- Hosting General meetings
- Participating in District committees
- Advocating –example: letter to the minister voicing our concern over AFG cuts
- Attending conferences –example: BCCPAC fall and spring conferences
- Hosting workshops or events
- Keeping up to date with news from
  - British Columbia Confederation of PAC (BCCPAC)
  - Ministry of Education
  - NV School District
- Relaying relevant information to PACs

**How can I be Involved?-And opportunities for input**

**School**

- School Events
- PAC
- SPC –School Planning Council

**NVPAC**

- DPAC Rep
- Committees

**BCCPAC**

- Conferences
- Resolutions

**District Public Meetings**

- Board of Education Public Meeting
- Education and Programs
- Finance and Facilities

## Organization-An overview

