

8:15	Registration
8:45	Welcome
9:00-9:50	Presenters
1	The Power of Self-Advocates
2	On Barriers
3	The Power of Community
9:50-11:00	Workshop 1 (pick one)
1A	Trauma & Mental Health
1B	Human Rights
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:25	Workshop 2 (pick one)
2A	Sec. 11 & Advocating to SDs
2B	Sexual Health
2C	IEPs & Language Matters
12:25-1:20	Lunch
1:10-1:20	Door Prizes
1:20-1:40	Start with Strengths
1:40-2:50	Workshop 3 (pick one)
3A	Strategies for School Refusal
3B	Discussion on Class Action
3C	Inclusive Education
2:50-3:05	Coffee Break
3:05-4:35	Student Self-Advocate Panel
4:35-4:40	Final Announcements

WORKSHOP 2

Section 11 & Advocating to the School Districts (Workshop 2A)

Karen Nordquist & John Gaipman of BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)

Karen has two school age daughters and has been involved in multiple roles on her school and district PACs for six years. A primary focus of her work has been on student rights and their welfare at school. Karen believes that parents, as the natural advocates for their children, need a stronger voice in public education to ensure that each child is learning to the best of their abilities in a safe and healthy environment. During her tenure on the Board, Karen has enjoyed working toward the goal of truly meaningful consultation and collaboration between parents, the Ministry of Education and educators for the benefit of all students.



John is presently CEO and Executive Director of the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC). John began his career teaching at the Tranquille Institution and then moved over to work with students from Woodlands. John's career also comprises being a principal for nine years and an Assistant Superintendent for three years. John was the Superintendent of Schools for the Greater Victoria School District for 12 years and then finished his career in the New Westminster School District as their Superintendent. After 37 years in public education, John Gaipman's passion for student success has not waned.



John's work with BCCPAC includes a strong component of advocacy. He is proud of the fact that he works for an organization that will stand up to ensure that all parents are represented and that no parents should feel disenfranchised or marginalized. BCCPAC has a strong relationship with the Ministry of Education and has met with the Minister or his staff when there is a provincial concern to parents. BCCPAC has also met with individual administrators and school boards throughout our province when there is a parent in need of representation.

John believes in a strong parent voice. As an educator, he always believed that the key to student success begins with a parent who is involved in their child's educational program. John understands that for some parents the school act, school district's by-laws, policies, and regulations can be at times inti how to navigate the system so they can ensure their voice is indeed heard.

Sexual Health (Workshop 2B)

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Children and youth with diverse-abilities are faced with a range of sexual challenges as they develop into adulthood, and are vulnerable to sexual abuse. The absence of sexual health education that is accessible to young people with diverse-abilities puts them in the dark, and creates an additional challenge for parents. This one-hour interactive presentation will address questions, concerns, insecurities, and experiences that parents have around sexuality and their children. The MAIN OBJECTIVE of the presentation is to facilitate and encourage a dialogue around sex, and to create a safe place for parents to talk about and ask questions about sex in the context of diverse-abilities.



Airial is a graduate student currently completing a certificate in Sexual Health. Her passion lies in emotional and sexual wellness, and aims to reflect these values in her every day work. She is proud to be a woman in business and hopes to get involved with the school board and shift sex-education in a more sex-positive direction. She is so excited to have the opportunity to become an educational role-model for young people, and create an open dialogue around sexuality, so that children and youth feel more encouraged to want to learn about health sexuality. She strongly believes that the more a person knows, the more they will be motivated to learn and be knowledgeable, and truly feel empowered around their own sexuality.

IEPs & Language Matters (Workshop 2C)

Suzanne Perreault

Suzanne is a mother of 3 and a former Administrator of a Private Vocational School, has worked as an SEA and a TEDx Talk speaker. She currently works a Youth & Woman's Counsellor in Langley, British Columbia, is a public speaker and the recent President of the Langley DPAC for 3 consecutive years. She has been attending various committee's such as SD35's Inclusive Education working committee, Emergency Preparedness and has been nominated for both the Fraser Valley Diversity Award & BC Excellence in Autism Awards. She has successfully worked alongside educators & parents creating positive changes in school climate as well as parent engagement based on focusing on the communication process as it interfaces with the journey having a child with needs. She has advised and worked on committees with the BCCPAC, the BCEdAccess Task Force and other agencies to help promote educational change in areas of Inclusion, wellness, leadership, motivation and parent engagement. Her primary focus is the success of the student by virtues of bridging educators and parents. She is currently running for School Trustee in the Langley School District.



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