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Vancouver Board of Education
c/o Patti Bacchus, Chair

Dear Trustees:


At our Vancouver DPAC Executive meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2014, we were able to review and discuss the June 10, 2014, draft revisions of the Policy and Regulations: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities (ACB and ACB R-1).

Following the presentation of the draft revision in April, we heard directly from parents both in support of and concerned by the proposed revisions; these were reflected in our letter to Committee III, dated May 14, 2014. In this letter, we wrote that, while we supported the proposed revisions, we felt that the draft revision would benefit from greater clarity within its text. We are satisfied that the current revision has been re-worded to better explain the policy and procedures, and to clarify the roles for parents/guardians.

We appreciate the significant effort and time invested by the Trustees, staff, and members of Committee III in considering the submissions by more than 90 delegations over three public meetings, including parents and students, and legal and medical professionals, and community members. It is our position that consultation has been comprehensive, and the concerns raised both before Committee III and directly with us have been addressed.

We are therefore pleased to state that we fully support the June 10, 2014 draft of ACB and ACB R-1. We thank the board for striving to keep our schools safe for all children.

Respectfully submitted,

Per 

Monica Moberg
Chair, Vancouver DPAC

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