



Speech and Hearing BC

| Provincial Council Meeting | | |
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| Date: | June 7, 2023 | Zoom Link: Click Link |
| Time: | 7:00 pm | |
| Location: | Virtual | |

| PC Members | | |
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| P Becca Yu, President | P Amanda Locke, Director PP SLP | Vacant, GVRD |
| P Chelsey Chichak, VPresident | P Jo Felton, Dir. Early Int'n | P Jennifer Decock-Hewitt, FValley |
| P Megan MacKay, Treasurer | Sarah Jane Garland, Dir. SLP Adult | P Kristal Bodaly, Kootenays |
| P Staci Cooper, Secretary | P Sarah Dowling, Dir. Schools | P Kimberley Seabrook, North |
| P Janet Campbell, Opns Mgr | P Navita Dhahan, Dir. Social Media | P Nadine Fort, Dir Area, Thompson/Ok |
| Vacant, Dir. Public Ed | P Heather Ritchie, Dir., AUD Private | Carla Willock, Islands |
| P Gina McCarty, Dir. Prof Ed | P Janine Sigurdson Dir., AUD Public | Student Reps: Jeffrey Ng, Nicole Ebutt |

| Preparation for Meeting | |
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| Please Read: | Speech and Hearing BC Minutes April 12, 2023 |
| | PC Tab of Website |
| | PC Reports |

| Project Action Items from Previous Meeting | | |
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| Topic | Action | Lead |
| Pilot Project Member Grants | Tabled | Megan |

| I | Open Meeting |
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| 1. Call to Order | Becca Yu called meeting to order at: 7:04pm |
| 2. Welcome/Intro from the Chair & Land Acknowledgement | PC acknowledges the land and people on whose territories we are meeting from today. |
| 3. Approval of Agenda: Additions to Agenda? | Staci motions to approve – Chelsey seconds, all in favour, motion passes |
| 4. Approval of Minutes | Minutes of April 12, 2023 Staci motions, Sarah seconds, all in favour, motion passes |
| 5. Approval of Consent Agenda? | Nadine motions, Amanda seconds, all in favour, motion passes |
| | PC Reports Submitted: Read reports on PC Member Section |

| II | Agenda Item/Topic | Lead | Goal <small>Decision, Info, Discussion</small> |
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| 6. Project/Action Items Review | Review outstanding project items | Becca | Info |
| 7. Strategic Plan Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EI • Chelsey and Jo working on putting a flow chart together of the strategic plan • Call for more members – 6 additional members to working group • Schools • Have not yet called for a committee • Had a great forum for redesign – how SLPs work in schools – over 50 people attended, very engaged discussion • Adult SLP Practice | Any updates? | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audiology | | |
| 8. Operational | <p>a) Vacant PC Positions (see table at end of agenda). Is anyone thinking of staying on or occupying a different position? Gina, Navita, Jo would all like to stand for their position Nadine retiring and will vacate position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideally would like to fill the Public Education from internal board (better understanding of deadlines, history and needs) – but can also recruit externally For September meeting, let Janet and Becca know your intentions if your position is due All vacant positions will be advertised to the membership | Becca/ Janet | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Stats Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1179 members, SAC is still collecting dues from a few people they missed (6/36 outstanding) Down just over 100 members from previous registrations | Janet | Info |
| | <p>c) Reimbursement for lost wages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attending meetings with MLAs etc (especially in person meetings) - some members are finding the time away from work is increasing Policy hasn't been updated in the last 7 years – may need to look at rate per hour and per day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public and private lens on the policy to update – a small working group to make recommendations. Action: Megan and Gina to review and make recommendations Coalition of association groups had a conversation around per diem for attending meetings etc. | | |
| 9. Public Education | <p>a) May Month Campaign review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had a few winners and were really happy that they won! (Susan Edwards, Samatha Garrett-Petts, Lakeside Hearing) May month was quieter than past years Chelsey did one interview at beginning of month | Becca | Info |
| | <p>b) Early Intervention framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EI developed some visuals for proposed framework – an idea of how to use resources we currently have (knowing we can't hire enough SLPs at this time) Highlight what are new roles and what are existing roles | | |
| 10. Professional Advocacy | <p>a) MCFD FCCs Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with MCFD for in person meeting – workforce collaborative (had been paused when pilots were paused) They admitted they need help, don't have pieces nor control of all the pieces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers to licensing Variety of unions – no consistency Private practice Idea brainstorming – brought forward some ideas from EI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 811 SLP (got everyone excited) PACE Take away – interest to keep this group meeting to talk about work that needs to be done for the workforce <p>Actions: would like 2 representatives for SLP (Becca is private/association) and are looking for a public SLP representative – Jo Felton – she is willing!</p> | Becca | |
| | <p>b) Health Associations Coalition update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very focused on Bill 36 – HPOA (that will be replacing HPA) Concerns about ambiguous language (bill is 300+ pages) - things like vaccines, freedom of speech etc. – getting lawyers etc Haven't heard of any SLPs / Auds having concerns about it | Becca | |

North

Kimberley Seabrook

2023

Kootenays

Kristal Bodaly

2023

Email from Members Re Kindergarten Hearing Screenings, agenda item 10d):

I'm an SLP in the Mission Public School District. This year we learned that Fraser Health has decided to cut funding for school-wide kindergarten hearing screenings. Prior to Covid Fraser Health would come into our schools to screen all of the kindergarten students, which provided important information to us as we did our speech and language assessments with the kindergarten students.

Since this service has been cut we have had kindergarten students with hearing loss go undetected. For example, I know of a student with profound hearing loss who was in kindergarten during the 2021/2022 school year and did not see an audiologist until the beginning of the first grade. While we are lucky to live in a province that does newborn hearing screenings, we are concerned that students who have moved here from out of province and those who have acquired hearing loss later on may slip through the cracks. Our SLP department is wondering if other districts in the Fraser Valley are experiencing the same issue and if there is anything we can do as a profession to advocate for continued screening of our kindergarten students. Any support you can provide or recommendations you have would be appreciated!