

Bio for Stephen Filbey.

My name is Stephen Filbey, my wife and I are the parents of one 6-year-old daughter who will be entering grade 2 come September. She is a student at Lord Beaconsfield Elementary and we have been very fortunate to have such a community driven school so close to our home. I have been a member of the PAC at Lord Beaconsfield for 2 consecutive years, serving as our DPAC representative and have gained a greater understanding of both the PAC and DPAC roles and the issues our education system is facing.

Through attending DPAC meetings over the past 2 years, I have seen the executive make some very positive and significant advancements both internally and with it's external stakeholders. I have shared my PAC's perspective with the current and previous Executives and have tried to provide meaningful and relevant input when appropriate. It has been my desire and indeed that of the PAC I serve, to increase, improve and facilitate more engagement and communication amongst the various PAC's, between PAC's and DPAC and between both groups and the VSB. This is a direction my Pac and I will continue to support.

It is my belief that communications remain respectful, factual, inclusive, recognize emotion, be both candid and sensitive at times, all while remaining collaborative in nature. This is increasingly important when advocating on behalf of Parents and ultimately Students as we strive to improve our education system. I have taken this approach in my past efforts with respect to earthquake preparedness, facility upgrades, education funding and investment in our children, our future. My work with the Lord Beaconsfield PAC and DPAC has reinforced the importance of this approach as we are often presented with multiple opinions and positions for which we have a responsibility to represent.

For the past 10 years I have been working as a consultant in government relations, advocacy, health policy and negotiations for the private sector. I believe my skills will be an asset to the ongoing work of DPAC and to realizing the goals and direction it has been charting. Strategic Planning, collaboration, project management and interpersonal communications are other skills central to my work and I hope these skills will also be of value.

I am honoured by the unanimous support of my PAC in nominating me for consideration to be an elected member of the Vancouver DPAC Executive and I look forward to serving my community should my nomination be successful.