

Committees can sometimes be misunderstood.

People may avoid eye contact and swerve around their colleagues in the hallway, concerned that the entreaty to join a committee may be imminent. When a committee is not purposeful, or not mindfully run, it can indeed be a problem. But when a committee has a clear mandate and objectives, it can open a golden opportunity for an organization to deeply explore a facet of their work, and to amplify informed discourse around a specific topic or goal.

Every year, the BCPVPA convenes Standing Committees that are advisory committees to our Board of Directors. Each committee is comprised of active members who have applied for the opportunity. The BCPVPA President is a member of all Standing Committees, and each committee is co-chaired by Directors of the Board and supported by BCPVPA staff.

Committees generally meet twice in the school year, with one in-person meeting and one virtual meeting.

For some BCPVPA members, being part of a committee may be the first step towards a more deliberate engagement with the Association. For others, it can be a pathway to gaining a different perspective on a particular aspect of BC's public education sector. Our members have shared many different reasons for applying to join a committee, from giving back to their community of colleagues, to exploring more deeply a particular area of interest.

No matter the reason, BCPVPA members who have joined advisory committees have both learned alongside and connected with their peers, and have supported the work of the BCPVPA members elected to our Board of Directors. The thoughts, experiences, and perspectives of our members are critical to our success as an organization.

Budget Advisory Committee

The Budget Advisory Committee reviews the budget and associated processes, and prepares advice and recommendations to accompany the budget when it is presented to the Board of Directors.



Contract Advisory Committee

The Contract Advisory Committee advises the Board on matters pertaining to the economic welfare of members.



Equity, Diversity and inclusion

Advisory Committee

Our newest committee in 2024-2025, the EDI Advisory Committee advises the Board on matters relating to equity, diversity and inclusion – including but not limited to – racism, oppression and SOGI-related issues.



Indigenous Leadership

Advisory Committee

The Indigenous Leadership Advisory Committee advises the Board on matters relating to Indigenous leadership.



Professional Learning and Development Advisory Committee

The PLD Advisory Committee advises the Board with respect to professional development programs and service to members.



Workplace Intensification, safety, and Health Advisory Committee

The W.I.S.H Committee advises the Board regarding the ways in which the Association can address issues of work intensification and well-being for our members.

A group of people are gathered around a large wooden table in a bright, modern office setting. A man in a dark blazer and striped shirt stands and speaks, gesturing with his hands. Several people are seated around the table, listening attentively. On the table are laptops, coffee cups, and a sandwich. A large, stylized sun graphic with orange rays is overlaid on the left side of the image, with the text 'Convening Committees' inside its circle.

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