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CHAIR'S REPORT

This is my first go at giving a chair report. Cathy Deacon was chair at the beginning of last year, but sadly she had a family emergency which necessitated her stepping down, so I as vice chair filled in until the fall when I assumed the chair role. Sandra Henderson then became vice chair; Chris stayed on as secretary/treasurer.

For the first time in AYSCBC history, we had to seek another executive director. Carol Coote filled that post since AYSCBC was first created. It was a bit of a learning curve to seek a new person for this contracted position. We are very pleased that Tracy, affectionally called the 'new Carol', now assumes this role. Talk about a learning curve, she has had to learn all about who AYSCBC is, how school councils work, and the biggest demand of all, pulling together this conference. Make sure you introduce yourself to her this week.

The highlight of this past year was the opportunity to share our financial surplus with all the councils. What a thrill it was to read the wide array of projects considered, everything from supplementing programs to adding resources and assets.

We have fewer executive members right now than we'd like. Three of our previous executives stood down last year for various reasons. We're pleased to welcome Ashley who joined the ranks late last year. We also would really like to see several of you consider joining the executive. Some of us have been part of this for many years and would welcome fresh eyes and ideas.

We met with the Dept of Ed earlier this year to discuss funding for another 3 years. They proposed a different model than we've ever used previously. While it wasn't what we desired, we did agree to work with it.

It's been my privilege to be the chair of the executive as we represent each of you at various occasions.

Sincerely,

Ted Baker
Chair, AYSCBC



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

As the new Executive Director, it has been a wonderful experience to commence meeting the dedicated people involved within this organization and the school boards, councils and committees. The amount of effort and caring put forth by volunteers has impressed and humbled me, and I am thrilled to be a part of such a worthy organization with such strong overarching mission of “what’s best for the children”.

My main focuses since I started in January have been in two opposite directions – historical and future. Absorbing historical documents and available information, picking the brains of those who have been “around the block” many times, and doing research into what other similar organizations have done has occupied much of my time. Organizing this conference has allowed me the opportunity to connect with more people, research into this very important theme, and learn what resources and committed individuals are available. An essential element of my position is focusing on the plans, support needs and inherent changes that are required for AYSCBC to continue to expand upon the support and services that it has been instrumental in providing for the last 18 years.

I have started doing the outreach side of this position – participating in several committees, attending school council meetings, government meetings and other opportunities that have presented themselves. I have been overwhelmed with the amount of passion and dedication that is apparent at all levels focused towards what’s best for the children. I look forward to this upcoming year as I start to plan my schedule to allow me to attend as many rural school council meetings as possible.

I would like to give a last accolade to Carol Coote, who has been a wonderful resource, teacher and mentor for me in this position, always willing to share her experience and wisdom, as well as history lessons. She was a true advocate for all things council and child related, and I can only hope to be able to eventually emulate the passion and knowledge that she brought to this position.

Regards,

Tracy Thomas