

# CPEN NEWSLETTER

## *CHARTER for PUBLIC EDUCATION*

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### **CPEN - ON THE MOVE**

The Charter for Public Education Network is on the move again. CPEN has undergone a transition, making the adjustment from an organization with up to three paid staff to promoting the principles of the Charter for Public Education through a volunteer board. The website has been updated and comprehensive plans, with the goal of increasing the profile and activity of CPEN, are in place. Please visit [www.charter.publiced.ca](http://www.charter.publiced.ca) or email us at [info@publiced.ca](mailto:info@publiced.ca).

### **CPEN BOARD - ACTIVE YEAR ROUND**

Even while dealing with transition, CPEN has been actively advocating for inclusive public education, based on the principles of equity and access for all. Tasks undertaken by CPEN President, Mike Zlotnik, and other board members include:

- Presenting an invited lecture to education students at UBC on the Charter for Public Education and CPEN
- Representing CPEN at a Ministry of Education session on the new Social Justice 12 course
- Presenting a workshop *The Promise of the Charter for Public Education in the Democratic Renewal of Education and Society* at the public education conference, Rethinking Accountability
- Meeting with the Executive Director of the Canadian Council on Learning regarding possible joint research initiatives
- Writing in support of the proposal '*Canadian Workplace Literacy/Essential Skills Ecosystem - Its effectiveness in serving Visible Minority Communities*'
- Passing a motion opposing parental opt outs of students from the optional Social Justice 12 course and conveying the CPEN position to the Minister of Education
- Writing to public media in British Columbia opposing Bill 20

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## JOIN THE CPEN BOARD

The CPEN AGM elects a board every year. The board meets approximately five times a year and works together year round to promote the principles of the [Charter for Public Education](#). If you are interested in serving on the board or have questions about the role, please contact Mike Zlotnik, president of CPEN, at [Michael.Zlotnik@telus.net](mailto:Michael.Zlotnik@telus.net).



## SAVE THIS DATE – THURSDAY SEP 6, 2007 – 7:00 PM

A forum on Bills 20, 21, 22 and Campus 2020 will be held in conjunction with the CPEN Annual General Meeting on September 6, 7:00 p.m. at SFU Vancouver, Harbour Centre, Segal Room. This forum is free to CPEN members.

Watch for more information on the AGM and forum in the next newsletter.



## WORKING IN CONCERT

Check out the links below for some of the valuable work being done to advocate for an accessible and equitable public education system, kindergarten through post-secondary, and for quality life-long learning opportunities.

- Friends of Public Education blog:  
<http://www.friendsofpubliceducation.blogspot.com/>
- In Support of Public Education:  
<http://weblogs.elearning.ubc.ca/newproposals/>
- Canadian Federation of Students campaign on Tuition Fees:  
<http://www.cfs.bc.ca/campaigns.php>
- Canadian Centre for Policy Articles:  
*The False Gods of Public Education*  
[http://policyalternatives.ca/False Gods of Public Education](http://policyalternatives.ca/False_Gods_of_Public_Education)  
*Our Schools / Our Selves:*  
[http://policyalternatives.ca/Our Schools Our Selves](http://policyalternatives.ca/Our_Schools_Our_Selves)  
*Engaging the Whole Child, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development*  
[http://www.ascd.org/Engaging the Whole Child](http://www.ascd.org/Engaging_the_Whole_Child)



## CPEN AND YOUR COMMUNITY - MOVING FORWARD

Please email [info@publiced.ca](mailto:info@publiced.ca) to let us know what you're doing in your community and how we can help support your work – throughout the lower mainland and across the province.



## GOOD NEWS

Since the board of CPEN has been undergoing a transition - and plan for an increased profile and level of activity next year - members will not be asked to renew their membership until June, 2008. In the meantime, please share the newsletter and encourage others to sign up to with us.

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