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Our Vision

We believe public education is in the public interest... that **high quality public education** that is **accessible** and **welcoming to all** is essential to a **strong democracy**.

Our Mission

Through **RESEARCH** and **ANALYSIS** we provide high quality information and leadership to **BUILD A STRONG PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM** for British Columbia's children, families, and communities.

Strategic Priorities

Grow as a nonpartisan voice on current issues in BC education.

- ✓ Develop communication strategies.
- ✓ BC Education at a Glance project.
- ✓ Perspectives blog.
- ✓ Seek ongoing operational funding.
- ✓ Develop relationships with BC education stakeholders, including IPE/BC Fellows.
- ✓ Stewardship of the BC Charter for Public Education

Conduct and disseminate research that fosters a strong public education system.

- ✓ Develop the BC State of Education project.
- ✓ Build a multi-faceted research project on educational funding in BC.
- ✓ Submit briefs on education policy to government.
- ✓ Seek funding for research initiatives.

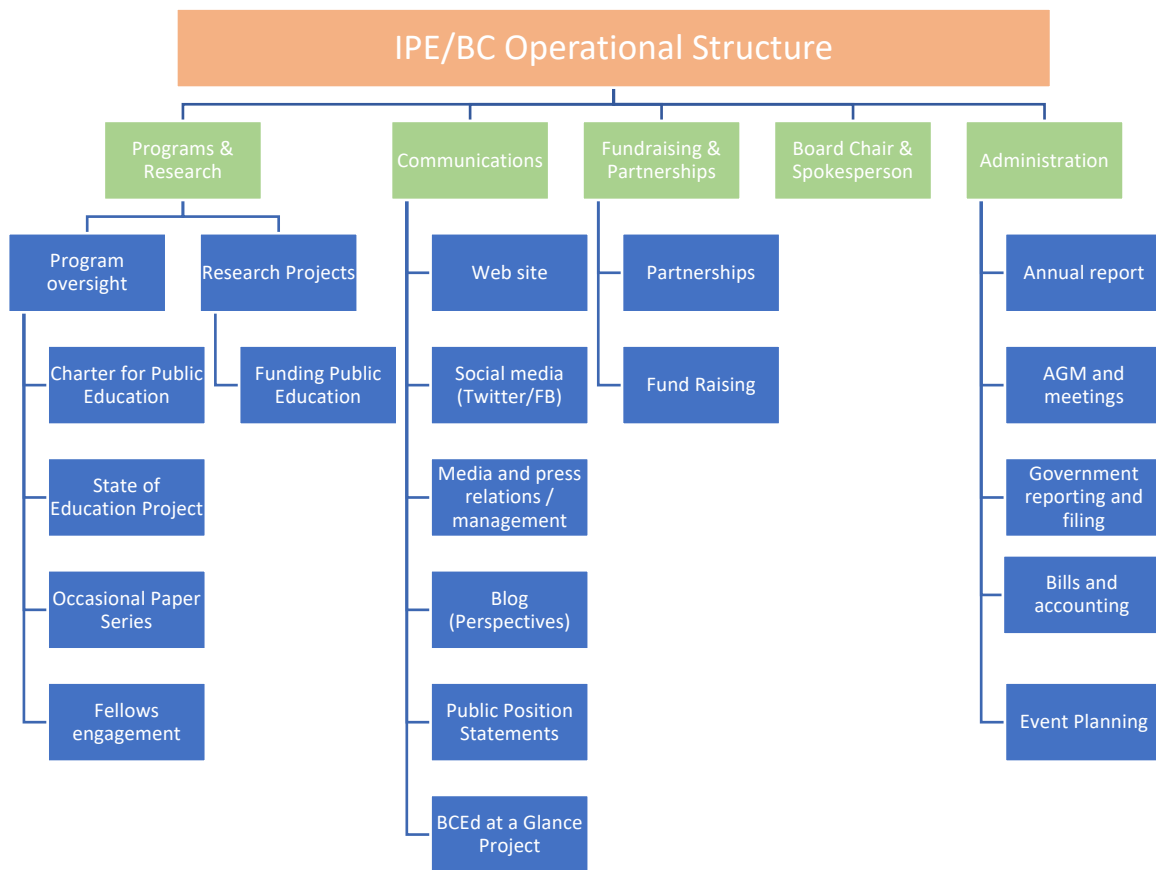
Protect public education from privatization.

- ✓ Raise awareness through workshops & presentations.
- ✓ Foster discussion on the impact of privatization.
- ✓ Conduct research on privatization.

Rethinking our operational structure

During 2020, IPE/BC's activities were affected by the global pandemic. This forced pause provided the Board of Directors the time to evaluate how it has operated until now and to consider alternatives. The IPE/BC Board has functioned with a Collective Board model and will continue to do so and has developed a Committee Structure to support that model. The Committee Structure is meant to clearly define responsibilities of individual Board members and to provide opportunities for others to participate in IPE/BC's work and activities.

This Committee Structure is illustrated below.



Beginning with 2021, the following Board members will assume the role of Committee Chairs.

Dan Laitsch	Board Chair
	Chair, Administration
Larry Kuehn	Chair, Research & Programs
Moira Mackenzie	Chair, Communications
David Chudnovsky	Chair, Fundraising & Partnerships

This structure will continue to support IPE/BC's strategic priorities.

Grow as a nonpartisan voice on current issues in BC education.

IPE/BC submitted an extensive BC Budget Consultation brief that highlighted five areas for consideration for the 2021 provincial budget:

1. Recognizing that public education is in the public interest and a critical element of our democratic society.
2. Focusing funding initiatives to support the most vulnerable students.
3. Avoiding a return to austerity to be able to recover from the damage of previous austerity measures.
4. Defunding private/independent schools.
5. Planning to incorporate remedies for the climate crisis in all areas of public education.

The full brief can be found on the IPE/BC website: https://instituteforpubliceducation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/IPEBC_Sub.-Budget-Consultations-2021_WEB_20200611.pdf

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IPE/BC has begun planning for new research projects, all of which are in early stages and for which we are seeking funding.

Out of Our Pocket: a study of teacher personal spending on classroom supplies and support for students.

The Role of Educational Assistants: a study of how EAs work and with whom.

Protect public education from privatization.

IPE/BC remains committed to doing research on and educating British Columbians about the impacts of privatization on public education and schools.

Annual Update of Subsidies to Private Schools: will be posted soon to our website and shared on social media.

Financial Report

IPE Financial Report: March 2020 – February 2021

OPENING BALANCE March, 2020 - 9716.98

EXPENDITURES

Formatting Budget submission	223.13
Chudnovsky re-imburse	
Society Act report	40.00
SFU – IPE AGM	1389.65
CanTrust Hosting	462.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES – 2114.65

REVENUES

TOTAL REVENUES -

CLOSING BALANCE February, 2020 - 7802.33



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