



Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: School Library

Chair: Peggy

Minutes: Annie

Time	Description	Speaker
7:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions	P. Lee
7:10 pm	Guest Speaker Teenage Anxiety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is it?• How common is it?• What causes it?• What parents can do Please see slide under October minutes on the Lord Byng School PAC website: https://www.lordbyngpac.com/services	Dr. Katia Jitlina West Coast Children's Development
8:10pm	Student Council update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student council is working for making the school community more enjoyable. One of their most recent efforts was adding an ELL Rep position to further connect with students.• Encourage students to get more involved in the school community by all means. Recently did Clubs Day-Clubs set up tables at lunch time. The next big event is Halloween catwalk. There are also all kinds of other theme days. As for students' involvement, not only donation, but also volunteering time are encouraged.• Last year's carnival was a big success. Thanks for PAC'S continuous support. Seeking for more fund support from PAC this year.• Background of student council: roles in committee council, district representatives connect with other student councils in VSB, 2 representatives per grade, weekly Thursday meeting, social media advertisement	President & vice president Student Council
8:20 pm	Financial report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wish List update• Gaming funds	P. Lee



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gaming funds have been received. Funds are to be used for extracurricular activities i.e. carnival or after school clubs etc. ○ Vote for the use of the money will be held in Nov. and we need a quorum of 12. ○ Details will be sent out prior to the meeting. All parents are encouraged to come. • General funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approximately 3000 left. • Parents' discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are too many fundraising asked from all kinds of groups or clubs every year for their own specific purpose. ○ PAC is the official body that represents everyone that attends Lord Byng. Therefore, easier for PAC to pursue Direct Appeal. • PAC's fund is open to all our school's teachers and students (with teacher sponsor). Please submit your application with specific plan for using the money. We will vote one to two times a year. Next vote will be in Nov. • The plan is to run the PAC Direct Appeal fundraising from November to March (online) in order not to conflict with the grad fund raising which starts in April. • Tax receipts will be issued by the school (PAC cannot issue tax receipts). 	
8:35 pm	Teacher's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have new school trustee ○ He will be in the bargaining team for the next negotiation round. 	S. McKeen
8:45 pm	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About the fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financially student council is not in need of PAC money because they get money every year from the school fees. ○ Last year, they have become more democratic in choosing students for different positions. However, all students are still welcome. ○ Students' handling money is discouraged. ○ Those that would like to raise money separately should form their own group and raise the money outside of school. 	G. Taylor



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All the money raised in the school has to go to the school account. Unless donation is directly given to PAC (note that PAC cannot issue tax receipts). If individuals would like to donate AND receive a tax receipt then it will have to be done through the school.○ Parents come together as a group to vote on what to spend on funds from Direct Appeal (it's up to whatever the parents want). Distribution of gaming funds is based on the Gaming Grant disbursement rules.• Will make updates on Professional Development Group after Nov.• Timeline for the new curriculum<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The new curriculum aims to remove the percentage and letter grades from k-9.○ Six pilot secondary schools are doing this to grade 8-9 now in Vancouver.○ The evaluation will be finished in 2019 and something has to be passed by the government afterwards.○ Most likely the earliest timeline for it is 2020.○ This will probably not happen to grades 10-12, at least for a few years.○ Some postsecondary schools are not yet fully comfortable with the transition.○ Looks like we will keep having percentage letter grade for a few more years beyond 2020, letting teachers getting more familiar with the new reporting way and employers and the whole secondary institutions to understand and trust what they are supposed doing.• Teachers are working on the evaluation of the new curriculum, seeking for a system which will better represent students' knowledge than the letter grades. Hopefully get done in 2020.	