***Minutes***

**Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019**

**Time:**  7:00 pm

**Location:** School Library

**Chair:** Grace Liu

Attendance: 25+

| **Description** | **Speaker** |
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| Welcome   * Review of role of Lord Byng PAC * Thank-you to Peggy Lee for her years of service to the LBPAC | Grace Liu |
| DPAC Report   * Superintendent Suzanne Hoffman attends DPAC meetings to provide an update and answer questions. She plans to visit as many schools as possible to learn about student successes and opportunities for improvement * Continued discussion on LRFP including possible closure of QEA into JQ * VSB invited nine US school districts to share their experience with racism and bulling. LBPAC will seek more information. * VSB is investing in track and field upgrades at Van Tech, Point Grey and possibly Templeton. * DPAC Summit coming up | Christine Macdougall for Sang Mah |
| Seismic Upgrade   * Attended meeting with QEA regarding plan to move QEA into JQ. Concern over possible conflict of the same space being used during Lord Byng upgrades. * Updates: renovated space will be sealed off to reduce impact of dust and noise; some change rooms will not be available, but some changing facilities will always be available; the auditorium will be unavailable for a year so a space for Byng Arts performance will have to be found | Christine Macdougall |
| Recycling   * Important topic for this generation. The school and the PAC would like to encourage parents and students to only order from restaurants to who use recyclable packaging. * Suggestions welcome on how to improve student recycling | Grace Lui |
| Parents Engagement and Upcoming Speakers   * PAC Open to establishing a Anti-racism sub-committee * PAC looking for speaking suggestions on Racism/diversity * PAC in discussion to bring VSB SACY to the school next year * Other speaker suggestions included Climate Change | Kristin McAllister |
| Grad 2020   * The previous year’s grad effects the following year’s grad. The expectation is that some funds will be left to help start following year’s fundraising * Need to raise approx. $50,000 annually and have lots of fundraising initiatives on the go * Hyatt and Byng gym not available this year * Grad committee working to involve more parents | Peggy Lee |
| Teacher’s Report   * BCTF and Employers waiting for mediator’s report * Concern with the amount of funding in education * One of the lowest starting salaries for teachers (but the Province is doing well) * Asking parents to contact their MLA to encourage them to provide more funding especially for recruitment and retention * A group of teachers at Byng are piloting a new program called LEAF whereby participating students would receive a certificate in environmental sustainability. Hope is to broaden to other schools/districts. * A student lead Diversity Club has been established | S. McKeen |
| Principal’s Report   * Jazz Band back as a course * Continuing with implementation of the new curriculum * Very concerned about lack recycling and open to suggestions on how to combat | G. Taylor |