

MINUTES

Lord Byng PAC Meeting Agenda

February 25, 2015

7:00 pm

Table Officers Present Jake Fry, Christine Dearing, Mary Pappajohn

Time	Item	Speaker
7:00-7:05	Welcome and thank you to Nicola for refreshments. We would like volunteers to help with clean up each month	Jake
7:05-7:10	Approval of Minutes, January 28, 2015 - English/Mandarin <i>Thank you to Anda for translating last month's and this month's minutes!</i> Approval of Agenda, February 25, 2015 Motion minutes: Christine; Seconded: Julia Carried Motion Agenda: Christine; Second: Carol Amendment to Agenda: Add BCCPAC to agenda: John; Second; Lisa Carried Guest student: Andrea Lee - Lord Byng Rep for Sustainability Conference- at Eric Hamber - looking for 10 attendees, teachers, PAC and administrators - wondering if we can promote the event through PAC to parents and student body. She will doing announcements and posters Action: Andrea will send info to Christine	Jake
7:10 – 7:15	Chinese Liaison Committee Lianne - has been letting more Chinese parents know about PAC and coming out to meeting. Lianne has been translating minutes and putting messages on We Chat.	Jake

7:15-7:20	<p>Principal's Report---course planning is on now, good time to talk about plans for next year. February is a flurry of activity, Byng Arts first offers are out, cross boundary applications are coming in, numbers are strong, so cross boundaries unlikely. Basketball season is busy and lots of success with our teams. Balancing Our Minds is connected with School Planning Goals - our students attended conference. Staff is looking at student achievement and how to recognize. Student engagement was the topic of last Pro-D Day - also Mindfulness with students. We have an aboriginal enhancement worker to help us with curriculum and student support. Decided to participate in a different survey, <i>Tell Them From Me</i> - we are piloting this, so regular survey is not applicable about student engagement intellectually - there will also be a component for parents. Upcoming events - lots of them - symphony, travel season. Report Cards go home on March 6. After Spring Break it's Grad Time, tickets will be on sale.</p> <p>Question: Is old survey being used as well? Answer: No. Question: Who is replacing Maureen Bryce? New person is being trained now. Question: ELL Program - reading writing assessment happening in March</p>	Annette
7:20-7:25	<p>Teacher's Report - Scott: basketball finishing and rubgy starting up, soccer is starting, softball, ultimate - coming out of Block system - they will be discussing what worked and what didn't - what will happen for exams - work in progress. He has been working on <i>Tell Them From Me</i> survey - looks at demographics, and how we compare to other schools with similar socioeconomic similarities - they can add specific questions for Byng, like mindfulness content. VSTA - will be involved with mindfulness and teachers. Question: how does what a teacher does with mindfulness translate into the classroom? Teachers talk about their own experiences, they talk about anxiety, do breathing exercises before test - see if they can build that into a practice</p>	Scott
7:25-7:30	<p>PAC Chair Report - started formulating committees, we started coming together, reaching out with more communication, working on improving website, we would like to get more people coming</p> <p>Comment: Letter from Jake - first letter directly from PAC, really appreciated it and the fact that it was translated</p>	Jake
7:35-7:40	<p>Treasurer's Report - Jake -refers to report. All accounts receivable have been collected.</p> <p>Question: When will we be debating Wish List requests? Answer: nothing urgent right now so we can wait until April meeting Question: Safe Teen Workshop - where does that stand? Answer: It's not approved yet but we have it listed.</p>	Jake

7:30-7:35	Direct Appeal Update- Direct Appeal is ongoing. We have almost reached \$5,000. We can have a discussion in April about Wish List and what items will be filled.	Jake
7:35 – 7:50	<p>Social / Lottery Update - Julia: had an initial meeting, looking at dates, April -May - when to schedule. Ideas: get Byng music students involved so doing at school gym; another idea is off school grounds, don't know yet. She has a number of meetings happening next, very open for new ideas. Something for parents to form connections. She still needs people to join to make this happen. Potentially talking with music teachers or tack onto an already existing event or ideas for venues. Open discussion: what will encourage parents to come out? Network professionally with other Byng parents. Idea of the Art Gallery - could be a nice venue with kiosk for beverages and food, Word Show is coming up soon. We are allowed to have a cash bar, it would be nice not to have to sell tickets. John Puddifoot will explore liquor license.</p> <p>Idea of a similar event at another school who arranged tall tables with fish bowls filled with Hershey's Kisses, little notes with questions to talk about; there was a wine raffle, and a raffle for which the draw happened at the event. Annette suggests using the Foyer and will confirm the dates of Word Show to see if that work will still be on display.</p>	Julia
7:50-8:00	<p>DPAC Report - How many people know what DPAC is? DPAC is one person from each school coming together. DPAC deals with the VSB. Tomorrow night there's meeting about budget and funding for public schools. Most DPAC are sharing info about the lack of funding. Last week there was Capacity Café - students and parents coming together with a facilitator. Facilitator asks questions and students answer them. She was also asked to get info about BCCPAC - speaks to the government directly. They have two awards: one for a parent and one for a student.</p>	Maureen
8:00 – 8:20	<p>Program updates - Committee reports</p> <p>Gift Card Program Update - nothing has changed. Made about \$6,000 to date.</p>	<p>Jake</p> <p>Lisa</p>
	Wish List Update - no update	Tracey
	<p>Byng Bylaw Update-goal to update Bylaws this year. Working with a draft right now. We are hoping to get a draft circulated after Spring Break and have an information session just devoted to Bylaws. Goal is to make the process of being involved in PAC more simple.</p>	Christine
	<p>Web and social network communication - posting more on existing website but hoping to have new site ready after Spring Break.</p>	Christine

8:20-8:30

Other Business

Jake

BCCPAC - John Puddifoot shared information about the organization, surveys, scholarships, awards. Would like to ask the PAC to be nominated for first Board of Directors. Lesley nominated John and Carol Shaben seconded. Vote: 9 votes - motion carried.

8:55

Adjournment

Jake