



**Lord Byng Secondary School  
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** School Library

**Chair:** Peggy Lee

**Time Keeper:** Erin Davis

**Steering Committee Attendees:** Erin Davis, Lianne Wang, John Puddifoot, Peggy Lee, Nancy Bradshaw,

22 parents attended the meeting

**\*\*The PAC has been asked by Lord Byng parents to make information available about an upcoming Medical Marijuana development at 3422 Dunbar Street. Parents interested in this issue may take advantage of the opportunities for input as outlined in the link:**

<http://development.vancouver.ca/pc3422dunbar/index.htm>

**Written comments will be considered by June 5<sup>th</sup>. However, comments will be considered until the date of the decision. \*\***

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7:00 pm	Welcome Approval of April Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E. Davis moved, J. Puddifoot seconded</li> <li>• Minutes approved</li> </ul> Approval of May Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L. Tuer moved, A. Herbertson seconded</li> <li>• Agenda approved</li> </ul>	Peggy Lee
7:05 pm	Presentation: Successful Strategies on Communication between Parents and Teens to address Anxiety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of presentation on PAC website under Minutes</li> <li>• The Peer counselors shared their experiences talking to grade 8's:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ eg not making any friends at school, one case of bullying (both situation were resolved)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Peer counselor info:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 12 students</li> <li>○ Interested students have to apply and are also recommended by teachers and then interviewed</li> <li>○ Only 18-20 students are accepted</li> <li>○ Students are trained</li> <li>○ Assist the grade 8's</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Stephanie Tsui, Tamara McKay, peer counselors Nicole/Peter
8:10 pm	Debate club update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended many competitions – Provincials and Nationals</li> </ul>	Daphne Gray-Grant



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the bilingual provincials one student was invited to attend the National Seminar in Ontario where training is provided</li> <li>• Nationals are in Newfoundland next year – this will be a very expensive trip</li> <li>• Thank you to PAC for the funding which covers the tournament fees</li> <li>• Daphne has paid her own way to Provincials and Nationals in the past. Her alternate also paid for her own way.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Besides the PAC there are people that also help fund this club</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Students are accepted into the club at the grade 8 level</li> <li>• Recently, students in grade 9 and up are asked to pay \$25 annual fee to cover costs</li> <li>• Debating is a useful skill that teaches children to think critically and speak without being fearful</li> <li>• Daphne is no longer a parent at the school but still volunteers to run the debate club – <b>Thank you Daphne for your time and dedication!</b></li> <li>• Debates are held on Thursday nights</li> <li>• <b>Still looking for judges for competitions. Please email <a href="mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com">lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com</a> with the words “Debate Judges” in the subject line</b></li> </ul>	
8:05 pm	<p>PAC update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey Results – Please see the results on the PAC website (Minutes section of the PAC website: <a href="https://www.lordbyngpac.com/services">https://www.lordbyngpac.com/services</a> )</li> <li>• Staff appreciation lunch               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Last year 80-90 staff attended</li> <li>○ Ran out of entrees last year</li> <li>○ Drop off food at the main office by 11 am on June 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>○ Parents can place a take out order and have the restaurant deliver it to the office</li> <li>○ Beverages also accepted and can be dropped off the day before</li> <li>○ Please contact Alexa Herbertson (<a href="mailto:alherbertson@hotmail.com">alherbertson@hotmail.com</a>) to sign up for food donation</li> <li>○ <b>Thank you Alexa for coordinating this event!</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Grocery card volunteer               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Call for volunteers as volunteer parents have children that are graduating or close to graduation</li> <li>○ <b>Thank you to Lisa T, Jenny G. and Alicia for volunteering your</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Nancy Bradshaw</p> <p>Alexa Herbertson/ Erin Davis</p> <p>Erin Davis/Peggy Lee</p>



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	<p><b>time!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funds from the grocery card fundraising go towards countless programs that support our children</li> <li>○ Please send an email to <a href="mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com">lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com</a> with the words “Grocery Card Volunteer” in the subject line</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wish list process               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updated parents on wish list process (Minutes section of the PAC website: <a href="https://www.lordbyngpac.com/services">https://www.lordbyngpac.com/services</a> )</li> <li>○ Parents may also submit requests</li> <li>○ Wish list approved twice per school term (Oct/Feb)</li> <li>○ Deadline for teachers to subject their requests are Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> for October approval and Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> for February approval</li> <li>○ Motion to move original deadline of June 15<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> by J. Puddifoot/ E. Davis seconded/ Motion carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nomination for next year               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PAC steering committee positions (Chair, Treasurer, District PAC, Secretary) will come up next school year</li> <li>○ Nominate yourself or someone else</li> <li>○ Voting will take place at the September 2017 PAC meeting</li> <li>○ Send an email to <a href="mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com">lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com</a> with the words “PAC Nomination” in the subject line</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Nancy Bradshaw</p> <p>Peggy Lee</p>
8:25 pm	<p>DPAC Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to the DPAC report for details (Minutes section of the PAC website: <a href="https://www.lordbyngpac.com/services">https://www.lordbyngpac.com/services</a> )</li> </ul>	John Puddifoot
8:35 pm	<p>Teacher Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VSTA and School Board have different opinions as to how to allocate \$54 million with regards to class size</li> <li>• At Lord Byng, conversation between the Timetable committee (teachers) and Administration have been positive.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Only two blocks apart with the allocation of 502 blocks</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Increase in 7 FTE’s next school year (full time PE, Math, English, Drama, Counselling/ part time music, socials and art)</li> <li>• Space is tight at Byng.</li> <li>• Money and opportunity for teachers to train on the new curriculum</li> </ul>	Scott McKeen



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	<p>however, it is up to the teacher's initiative to pursue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOC shortage throughout the lower mainland which means other teachers will fill in (using their prep time)</li> <li>• Vancouver is competing with other districts for teachers. Due to the high cost of living in Vancouver, many TOC's live out of the district. They will accept jobs closer to their home instead of coming all the way out to Byng. University Hill is also experiencing a hard time with finding TOC's.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was one day where there were 90 TOC positions that could not be filled in Vancouver</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vancouver seems to be a little slower at hiring. For example, every student teacher that successfully completed their practicum in Langley was hired.</li> </ul>	
8:40 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ireland trip was a success. All came home safely</li> <li>• Seven teachers used with Collab time, out of pocket cash and funding to attend High Tech High</li> <li>• This is a period of transition for curriculum. Administration is not getting a lot of information beforehand. eg this is the last year for Planning but not sure what will replace this subject.</li> <li>• There is a possibility of adding courses off timetable (still working on timetabling)</li> <li>• There is technically enough space at the school</li> </ul>	Ben King for Geoff Taylor
8:50 pm	<p>Open discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with dry grad               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Traditionally, grade 11 parents would help with the grade 12 Grad</li> <li>○ An opportunity to see what goes on at Grad also, grade 12 students don't want their parents at the party</li> <li>○ <b>Thank you to Christine Dearing who has been coordinating the event!</b></li> <li>○ Please send Christine an email at <a href="mailto:Christine.m.dearing@gmail.com">Christine.m.dearing@gmail.com</a> if you can volunteer on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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