Lord Byng Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Minutes

Meeting Date: Oct 21, 2026
Time: 6:30pm – 8pm
Location: Byng Library (and via MS Teams)
Chair: Jacqueline Crummey, PAC Chair
Attendance: 22+

Description	Speaker
Welcome and Introductions	Jacqueline Crummey, Chair
Election of 2026-2027 PAC Executive <u>Candidates:</u> ● Chair — Jacqueline Crummey and Su Jin Chun; ● Vice-Chair — Jacqueline Li and Karmel Leor Greenfield; ● Treasurer — Jasmine Ma; ● Secretary — Sunny Wang and Claire McClean; ● DPAC Rep — Aviva Lacterman, Mark Wang; ● Grad Committee Rep — Lisa Slouffman Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Grad Committee rep positions were acclaimed. DPAC Rep election was conducted via secret ballot in accordance with the BC School Act	Claudette Lauzon & Michelle Tseng
Guest Teacher Introduction ● Jacob Richardson, a Grade 8 math teacher at Byng, introduced himself (Grade 8 students have about a 40% chance of being in his math class). He also coaches volleyball, helps with theatre, and attends PAC meetings to provide a teacher voice in the room. ● He thanked the PAC for moving club funding to a rolling basis this year, so seasonal clubs can apply for funding when they start rather than only in the fall.	Jacob Richardson, Grade 8 Math Teacher
Principal's Update ● Principal Ediger shared highlights from this morning's staff meeting: Vice-Principal Diane Phillips presented on a session she attended at an assessment conference in the Northwest Territories (Yellowknife) — Dr. Koch (University of Manitoba) on privacy in learning. ● Key points discussed by staff: classroom learning is largely public, yet students also need privacy to think and reflect; teachers need students to share their thinking for formative assessment, so strategies must balance the two. On group work, research shows most students prefer teacher-assigned groups/partners, as it removes social pressure.	Krista Ediger, Principal

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• Vice-Principal Phillips wove a land acknowledgement through her presentation and ended with gratitude for Grade 8 Camp (Camp Stillwood): more teachers volunteered than could be taken, and career education assemblies were run for Grades 10 and 11 back at Byng.	
PAC Updates • **Fundraising / Fund Allocation:** Two sources of funding — BC Gaming Grant and Direct Appeal Fundraiser (Nov–Dec 2026). Teachers, clubs, and admin fill out a "PAC funding wishlist" Google form. Non-curricular requests are funded via the Gaming Grant (~$30k); curricular requests via the Direct Appeal Fundraiser ($15–20k). Club funding is now on a rolling basis (see Teacher Guest Introduction). • Treasurer's Report — Month ending Oct 19, 2026. • **DPAC Update:** DPAC general meetings are open to all parents to attend. All parents and caregivers are welcome to join or start a working group, e.g. Active Transportation Safe Routes, Food Framework, Health & Safety, Inclusive Education, Facilities and Childcare. Upcoming: DPAC General Meeting Oct 22, 2026. Website: https://www.vancouverdpac.org/ • **Grad Committee Update:** Parent Committee & Student Committees have been formed. Fundraising has begun — fundraising helps to reduce costs of the events. Three main grad activities (and some smaller ones too): Dinner Dance; Graduation Ceremony; Prom (not school sanctioned). 2027 Grad Committee Co-chairs: Sasa Palcic, Fiona Swinning. E-mail: bynggradcommittee2027@gmail.com • Wednesday Walks: ongoing • **Byng Arts Update:** Nov 4, Byng Arts Info Night, 7–9pm; Nov 6, 6:30pm Choir Concert; Nov 13, 6:30pm Band Concert; Nov 19, 6:30pm Strings Concert. 2026 Byng Arts Parents Survey from Mr. Hartley-Folz.	Yue Ma (Treasurer) Lisa Slouffman (Grad Committee) Michelle Tseng (Byng Arts)
Election Results • By acclamation and secret ballot, the 2026-27 Byng PAC Executive Committee is as follows: • **Chair:** Jacqueline Crummey and Su Jin Chun • **Vice-Chair:** Jacqueline Li and Karmel Leor Greenfield • **Treasurer:** Jasmine Ma • **Secretary:** Sunny Wang and Claire McClean • **Grad Committee Rep:** Lisa Slouffman • **DPAC Rep:** Aviva Lacterman, Mark Wang • Moved by Michelle Tseng; seconded by Claudette Lauzon. Approved by a show of hands. • **Members-at-Large:** Shaleena Jeraj, Sandy Abley, Joyce Hua, Katerina Lofing, Serena Lu, Serena Naramore, Nora Ng, Mois Shi, Michelle Tseng, Jenny Xu, Monica Liu, Yang Yang, July Zhang, Wendy Itagawa, Samantha Thompson, Emma Wang,	Claudette Lauzon / Michelle Tseng

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Sophie Yang, GoGo Upton, Ling He, Michael Stephen. Moved by Claudette Lauzon; seconded by Jacqueline Crummey. Approved by a show of hands.	
General Q & A ● **Club list:** The club list (club name, sponsor teacher, meeting time and place) will be updated following Clubs Day, held today. New clubs typically cannot start mid-year, but existing seasonal clubs can apply for funding when their season starts under the rolling process. ● **Grade 8 Camp:** Students arrived at 6:00am and departed 7:30am — the early start is typical for organizing 200+ students, and the buses were about 30 minutes late this year. Byng's camp runs two days. ● **Interim reports:** All reporting is digital; there are no paper reports. This is district-wide practice at the secondary level. ● **School Cash Online:** The district covers the School Cash Online fees (4.48% plus $0.11 per transaction). The change at the start of this school year that passed the fee to parents for newly added items (e.g., September field trips) has been reversed — the district will continue to pay for 2026-2027, and parents who paid the fee will receive refunds.	Parents / Krista Ediger, Principal
Next Meetings & Adjournment ● Next PAC meeting: Nov 18, 2026. Future meetings (Wednesdays): Jan 20, Feb 24, Apr 14, May 19, 2027. ● Meeting Adjourned.	Jacqueline Crummey, Chair