***Minutes***

**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2025

**Time:**  7:00pm – 8:30pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Chair:** Jacqueline Crummey, PAC Co-Chair

**Attendance**: 40+

| **Description** | **Speaker** |
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| Welcome and Introductions* PAC meetings are open only to the Byng community and not to the general public.
* We request that attendees not share information from meetings on social media or with the media.
 | Jacqueline Crummey, PAC Co-Chair |
| Principal’s Update:* Byng’s Four Pillars of Learning always kept in mind when continuing the learning journey.
* Students learn about the values of both ‘risk taking’ and career planning for lifelong learning. Grade 10s and 11s got to hear from a range of professionals during a panel.
* Chatterhigh is an online platform that provides students with up-to-date information on all aspects of their career journey including lifelong learning and mental health.
* Some changes were brought to career education focus for the Byng Arts students.
* Byng is formally announced by Chatterhigh to be the most informed school in Canada. This reflects the deep learning in career programming provided at Byng.
* February is Black history month and several events are being planned around it.
* February 7th Lunar New Year celebration.
* Course planning info on February 6th for students and February 13th evening for parents. Grades 8 & 9: 5-6:30 pm; Grades 10 & 11: 7-8:30 pm
* 100th Year Anniversary Saturday May 10th Preparation: The Indigenous Welcome Pole is put in place in front of the school and an official unveiling ceremony will take place. The paddles project is underway. Fundraising for current and future projects.
* A water fountain was purchased by the donation of Class of 2024.
* Feedback on parents’ concerns about student restrooms: The school is actively monitoring the restrooms and educating students about the dangers of vaping. SACY worker Ms. Lyons or any school counsellor can help students and parents with this issue. Restrooms are closed when there is vandalism because there is a need to fix what is broken.
 | Mr. Wilmann, Principal |
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| Winter Fair Update* 2nd Winter Fair will take place on January 23rd at Byng Cafeteria. Over 150 donations, 22 volunteers, and 30 booths.

DPAC Update * DPAC general meetings are open to all parents.
* Several subcommittees work on how to improve schools.
* For upcoming meetings DPAC website <https://www.vancouverdpac.org/>

Grad Committee Update* $9,800 raised by the fundraisers for the 2025 Grad
* Direct drive letter soon to come to grad families.
* Graduation Ceremony – UBC Chan Centre – Friday, June 6, 2025
* Grad Reception and Dance – UBC The Nest – Saturday, June 14, 2025

Inclusion and Diversity Committee Update* Next committee meeting is on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.
* Plans including peer tutoring for providing support to students struggling with Math and English courses.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events* Lunar New Year Celebration: Friday, February 7, 2025, 10-11:30 am
* January 27-28 Turn Around Days and Audition Days for Byng Arts
* January 30, 2025 Report Cards at MyEd BC, FIT Freeze

Next PAC meeting is on February 19, 2025. Meeting Adjourned. | May Lee, PAC Co-ChairJacqueline Crummey, PAC Co-ChairJacqueline Crummey, PAC Co-ChairJacqueline Crummey, PAC Co-Chair and Michael Stephen(Committe member)Jacqueline Crummey, PAC Co-Chair |