

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE**  
**LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**(PAC)**  
**JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 GENERAL MEETING**  
**AT 7:00 p.m. in the Library of LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Approximately 30 parents in attendance

**Table Officers Present:**

Jake Fry, Christine Dearing, Janis Liu, Tracey St. Denis, Linda Liu, Amy Yan

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>7:00-7:05</b>	Welcome and thank you to Nicola for refreshments	<b>Christine</b>
	Welcome to new Principal, Geoff Taylor	
	Thank you to parents who collected donations at parent-teacher conferences and those who donated to the wish list on our new website. Big thanks to Jennifer Martin who set up donation site on the website.	
	Thank you to Amy, Janis and Linda for creating our parent data base which we will now begin using for communications.	
	Approval of Minutes, November 25, 2015 - English/Mandarin	<b>Christine</b>
	Approval of Agenda, January 27, 2016	
	Move to groupings for informal translation	
	Motion to approve November 25 minutes – John Puddifoot	
	Second – Mary Pappajohn	
	Motion carried.	
	Jenny Xi made a motion to add topic regarding a development application for a medical marijuana clinic to the meeting agenda. Instead, we will include it in meeting minutes as an information item since it's not PAC business. Information has been posted on the PAC website and is available here: <a href="http://former.vancouver.ca/devapps/pc3615w17th/documents/notificationltr.pdf">http://former.vancouver.ca/devapps/pc3615w17th/documents/notificationltr.pdf</a>	
	Motion to add information item – Jenny Xi	
	Seconded – Jane Speakman	
	Motion carried	

Motion to move other business to 8:05 and adjourn at 8:20pm – Christine Dearing

Second – John Puddifoot

Motion carried

**7:15-7:22 Principal's Introduction and Report**

**Geoff**

Introduced his family members, his father's career being a principal and his own education and career path. See report included at the end of these minutes.

At January staff meeting, talked about issues, the new information system for students record. Teachers need to learn how to work with it. So there will be two non-instructional days this term for staff and teachers to learn to work with the new system ( March and April – see Byng website for details).

There are many applications to the Byng Arts program and auditions take place during double block exam week.

Been to one course planning night at which Geoff met many nice folks. In the school in general there's a great atmosphere: lots of open doors, and Geoff's been happy to see really friendly, engaged student body. Wonderful people here at Byng.

Trips: New Zealand Rugby. Peru Community Service, and New York Arts.

**7:22-7:30 Teacher's Report**

**Scott**

Three things to report:

1. New curriculum for grades 10, 11, 12 Graduation learning years. Teachers are learning the new curricular, but it is expected to happen slowly. Teaching methodology won't change. It's the testing and assessment system that will be different.

Teachers are anxious about it, as the new curriculum involves new approaches and a change from current practices.

2. Raise awareness about VSB regarding school closures and long-range facilities planning . Teachers recognize some schools are old, and falling apart. It makes sense to close some of those. One of concerns: 95% capacity is the goal the VSB has identified. Some classes are small. Other concern is that spaces used for day care are not counted as classroom space; parents can ask where the 95% come from.

Byng capacity is 104%.

Geoff: They counting classroom space;. Over capacity doesn't mean they are full, there are concerns about some schools not utilizing their space.

3. During the upcoming Rugby trip, Scott will be visiting some schools in New Zealand, learning about some initiatives around traditional cultures, environment, and thinking about how to incorporate those into our learning.

**7:30-7:45**      **Treasurer's Report**  
**Tracey**

Tracey gave her report ending Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Report was shown on projector.

Discussions about following issues:

Putting mural in the gym, students can do project like painting the walls. Geoff notes that once painting is started, it will be ongoing. We could have students design something, but it would be a long-term project. Parents suggest that all students could work together on a project.

End of the month is deadline for the general Wish List this year

Jake confirmed that there are no time sensitive items and that we need fundraising efforts to cover all items.

Pizza group: 20-30 group for students experiencing clinical levels of anxiety; this is to support those with mental health concerns, requested by students; provides leadership opportunity to senior students. It is an ongoing activity and it's not time sensitive, so we can wait until next meeting to decide on funding.

**7:48**                      **DPAC Report**    **Linda**

Nothing new to report. DPAC encourages parents from all schools to become involved.

**7:45-7:55**                      **Gift Card Program update**    **Jake/Christine**

Jane and Lisa, who currently taking care of the Gift Card program, won't be available next year; new volunteers needed to help with the program now and eventually take over.

It's a great program, no extra cost to you but will benefit the school. Other than gaming funds, this is a main source to generate money to support Wish List.

Stong's will be closing in couple of month and move to the new venue on Dunbar and 26<sup>th</sup> few months later. They give us 10% of gift card revenue; parents who bought Stong's cards should try to use them in the coming couple of months; otherwise may have to wait till new store opens.

Mary Pappajohn reported regarding upcoming Direct Appeal Campaign. She is relaunching last year's direct appeal, with a goal of \$40,000; maybe suggest \$30 donation per student; will launch at the beginning of Feb, launching it and end in April. Payment can be by cheque or online payment through the PAC website.

Expect to receive emails soon regarding the fundraising campaign.

**8:00-8:30**

**Other Business**

**Jake**

John Puddifoot - There is an open house at Queen Mary Elementary. It is open concept school. There is no hallway anymore.

BCCPAC meeting will be upcoming at end of April. John will attend. The resolutions will be coming up and we can put a link on PAC website for it.

Jake - We will break into groups to further discuss fund raising initiatives:

- Parent Education Committee
- Staff Appreciation Lunch (doesn't need to meet now)
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Final Exam committee
- Social Committee
- Chinese Community Liaison and Translation
- VSB Liaison Committee
- Course offering committee
- Cafeteria Improvement Committee

Jake - Wish List is finalized now; we will put it on our website and decide which ones to approve at February meeting.

Motion to adjourn – Jake Fry

Second – John Puddifoot

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm

Committees met on their own.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 7 PM**

## **Lord Byng Secondary PAC, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **Principal's Report, from Geoff Taylor**

My Story: self-introduction

Byng in January, as I got to see it.

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Staff Meeting, issues related to new curriculum and new systems were discussed, as well as timelines and events.

One of our teachers, Mr. Scott McKeen presented some information on Aboriginal Culture and his interest in helping to move Byng with the implementation of the VSB Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement. In particular he spoke of a place based approach, and he shared a great video with us regarding the New Zealand experience with Maori culture.

Events, meetings and introductions to school culture for me:

Some of the district and Ministry of Education needs have dominated time and attention for counselors, admin and a few staff: Special Education Audit, New Course Codes for MyEd BC, learning how to timetable and report out as we transition to MyEd BC, becoming familiar with BC's Ed Plan and the Transformation of Curriculum. We're having great discussions, but there's some anxiety for teachers as this rolls out. Together, teachers are taking time to explore BC Ed Plan options, interests and concerns.

Applications to Byng Fine Arts have poured in, and the sorting and vetting of those documents, as well as the interviews and auditions, have kept Mr. Hartley-Folz the Byng Arts Staff (as well as our office staff very busy all month.

I have had the pleasure of writing some letters for students, and of attending Course Planning Night, as well as some club meetings. Your school is lively and engaged in many ways, with passionate teachers, numerous opportunities and events, open classrooms and activities at lunchtime, as well as field experiences such as the trips to New Zealand, New York and Peru.

Parents have been supportive and welcoming. Thank you. I am lucky to be following Annette, and to have hard-working professionalism of my admin colleagues, Rick Lopez and Germaine Tsui. Office staff and teachers have been really lovely, and more than patient with me.

Finally, Bryan Erickson, Jon Hartley-Folz, and Sabina Shaw asked me to let you know that they are interested in coming to the February PAC to discuss Tech Ed, Fine Arts, and Foods/Textiles/Psychology courses and content, if PAC is interested.

I look forward to learning about Byng PAC and helping you to support our school over the next few years.

Geoff Taylor

