



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

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: School Library

Chair: Peggy

Minutes: Raymond

13 parents in attendance

Time	Duration	Description	Speaker
7:02 pm	5 min	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanks to Litsa who brought snacks!• Acceptance of February's meeting minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On the PAC web site• Peggy reviewed highlights• Minutes accepted• Acceptance of April agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda accepted	P. Lee
7:08 pm	15min	DPAC report (John Puddifoot reported) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DPAC<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VSB Survey of parent views on VSB Budget (in "all" languages)• BCCPAC AGM – appointment of proxy<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elect half each year• Even if only one candidate, still a Y/N vote• Representatives of PAC• Resolutions<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22 proposals to be voted on• Parents could be a powerful voice, if more organized• These resolutions are presented to the Ministry of Education• Byng parents can contact to comment• Litsa: Nominates John Puddifoot to be reps• Erin Bartlett will be alternate• 2nd: Erin• List of resolutions: https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Documents/BCCPAC_2018-AGM-Book-FINAL.pdf• Send comments on resolutions to our DPAC rep, John Puddifoot at	J. Puddifoot/E. Bartlett



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		<p>PAC@puddifoot.com</p> <p>links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> input to survey: http://www.vsb.bc.ca/district-news/budget-2018-2019-have-your-say send written submissions regarding the 2018-2019 budget to: budget2018-2019@vsb.bc.ca send submissions directly to trustees: http://www.vsb.bc.ca/about-vsbt/trustees 	
7:21 pm	15 min	<p>Teacher's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Rugby trip to New Zealand and Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In general, trips do create challenges with staffing when teachers are gone and there is also a TOC shortage. Does create challenges in the curriculum when half the students in class are gone. There is parent support for the trips Trips are being evaluated for the overall effect (benefit of trips vs. effect of absent teachers and students on rest of class) VSTA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. McKeen put forward as member-at-large District ratios of "non-enrolling" staff (eg, librarian/counselling) to students - under review (concern of potential lost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent input is important if supportive see link in minutes above. Check VSB survey Contact VSB Trustees (elected) as individuals, also DPAC > PAC could provide suggested wording Timetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student requests – not possible to accommodate all Staff number allocation May 4 	S. McKeen
7:37 pm	15 min	<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At VSB and School is being discussed 	G. Taylor



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents support but School is at capacity for administration • >100 students abroad • So many possible complications • Affects school atmosphere because of missing teachers and students • Non-Enrolling Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counsellors, librarians, support • VSB is presenting a “balanced budget” so anything added requires removal • Schools probably have to figure out how to deal with what they get • Byng has 5 counsellors, above the ratio according to student population (1 per 530 students) • Timetable Timelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students changing their minds in September -> less ability to accommodate as the timetable is created based on the student’s choices prior to summer break. • Staffing is based on student choices taken recently. Stopped per student funding in gr. 8/9. Only fund for what students are taking. • And depends on what new provincial government allots • May/June schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of classes June 21st • Exams on June 22-28 • Last day (tests etc) 28th • Walk About Plans for next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try starting earlier, possibly from 5? • Finish earlier • More teachers involved as it will allow teachers to go home earlier (teachers volunteer their time) • Less parents? 	
8:09 pm	10 min	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Appreciation lunch Fri Jun 15 • Past: Dean & Alexa past organizers • Draw of prizes for teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soliciting business • Parental contributions welcome 	E. Davis



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email Erin if interested in participating (davdun@telus.net)• Numeracy Exam• Dan Kamin, math teacher<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To talk about new Min Ed practical numeracy test at next PAC Meeting• Involved with development of the numeracy exam• Numeracy test required for graduation• 3 tries (Gr 10, 11, 12) to get highest mark• Does not count toward Math mark but, does show up on transcript• Will try to solicit numbers for attendance and questions beforehand.	
8:20 pm		Meeting adjourned	