

# MINUTES

## Lord Byng PAC Meeting Agenda

April 29, 2015

7:00 pm

**Table Officers Present** Jake Fry, Christine Dearing, Tracey St. Denis, Mary Pappajohn

Time	Item	Speaker
7:00-7:05	<b>Welcome</b> - 7:08 pm	Jake
7:05-7:20	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> , Feb 25th, 2015 - English/Mandarin <i>Thank you to Anda for translating last month's minutes!</i> Motion: John Puddifoot - 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Christine Dearing - passed <b>Approval of Agenda</b> , April 29, 2015 Motion: Gord Jaggs 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John Puddifoot - passed <b>GSA Meeting Update</b> : postponed to next meeting in May <b>Introduction of Guests</b> : Daphne Gray-Grant, Debating Team Coach and Alexandra Wilson, VSB SACY Program Lead <b>Daphne</b> - Coach of Debating Team - grade 8,9, 10. She has been running it for 3 years with 25 kids meeting every Tuesday. Grade 10's recently volunteered to coach grade 8's - one has qualified for competitions and represented Byng. PAC has supported the program for the past 3 years - she is looking for judges, passing out cards for those interested. Question: are teachers accompanying students? Answer: No. <b>Alexandra Wilson</b> , VSB SACY Program Lead - program stands for School Aged Students and Youth. Partners with Vancouver Coastal - they are focused on prevention, work with family, schools, communities. Very interactive. Work with teachers and staff, Planning 10, drug and alcohol issues, offer 3-day education sessions and focus on youth connecting with their passions.	Jake
7:20 – 7:40	<b>New Bylaw Presentation and Vote</b> Desire back in Oct to change the system, so parents could run the affairs of the PAC instead of a small executive. Two major changes: 1) A Steering Committee voted in by all parents, which is more democratic to replace Executive. 2) Elections to take place in September instead of May. An information night was held in April and feedback has been incorporated without changing the substance. 2/3 of the PAC will have to vote for this to pass, we need to be more formal so will move to a resolution to approve the new Bylaws: Motion: Allan Seckel 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Beth Seaton - passed unanimously.	Allan Seckel
7:40-7:50	<b>DPAC Report</b> - Some interesting issues going on between government and public education. Continual pressure by government to fund needs of schools. BCCPAC came up at DPAC and questions	Maureen

about what they do. So many parents are concerned and as a result, Maureen and Stacey were asked by DPAC to do research on BCCPAC, its mandate and its operations.

7:50-7:55

**Treasurer's Report** - March 31/15 - refer to attached documents

- Direct Appeal - raised \$31,000
- Wish List - will make final allocation decisions at May 27 PAC meeting

Tracey

Jake

7:55-8:00

**PAC Chair Report** – Staff Appreciation Lunch in June

Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> or Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - Vote: June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lunch sign-up sheet was passed around. We still need donations of paper plates, cutlery, napkins, cups for 75 people as well as serving utensils.

**Principal's Report** - read by Christine in Annette's absence

8:00-8:10

- Janet Chung - Speak it for Newcomers - looking for volunteers to help with conversation class - May 8<sup>th</sup> 9:45 - 12:00 pm. If anyone would like to help out contact Christine.
- Comments: Disappearance of exams. Need proper explanation from school - Annette will bring a more detailed explanation to the next PAC meeting

8:10-8:20

**Teacher's Report** - Scott McKeen - staff is also confused about no exams - Last day of class is June 18<sup>th</sup> and then there are provincials.

Scott is involved with a group of 8 in Inquiry Group about student resiliency, issues around anxiety and achievement. Trying to reinforce the intrinsic value of learning, being involved in a Pro-D event that was teacher-generated was very valuable

Grade 10 rugby - won silver medal

Guidance dept - raises an issue about funding from the Wish List - some items are time sensitive

Technology committee - part of the new policy is that they will no longer be maintain desktops in computer labs, expectation that students will bring their own devices - heads up for PAC that we will have to come up with money for computers in schools - may want to contact MPs to voice concerns.

Comment - parents may have already invested some money some years ago - need to check into this

Scott McKeen

8:20-8:25

**Social** - Spring on a Shoestring - some challenges with details, so it's becoming a pot-luck, please email Julia to RSVP. Invitations have gone out via email but we also have printed invites - should we pay for print? Most Chinese parents prefer paper but others think not. Decision to print the invites - about \$60 (actual cost \$100)

Julia

8:25 -8:35

**Program updates - Committee reports**

**Gift Card Program Update** - They have made about \$1,000 this past month. They will help new people take it over in September.

**Website** - Christine - we met with some parents and talked about some new ideas. We have yet to redesign it, but just found a new

Jake

Jane / Lisa

Christine

tech grad who can redo it - very fun, modern, inspired by other school PAC websites, hopefully it will be ready before the end of the year, it will be a work in progress, Maureen has been able to support with how the structure will work etc.

**8:35 –8:45**

Other Business - Toastmasters flyer for teens - affordable for students and Point Grey provides free classrooms.

Jake

BCCPAC- John Puddifoot asked who will have the proxy vote at the upcoming AGM Meeting. Could we send out a link to parent about the resolutions and then respond to our rep to vote accordingly - Yes. Maureen is our rep so she will do it - vote for Maureen. Motion: Carol Shaben - 2<sup>nd</sup> : Christine - passed

Jake

Adjournment - 8:45 pm.