



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

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Location: School Library

Steering Committee Attendees: Christine Dearing (Past Chair), Tracey St. Denis (Past Treasurer),

Quorum: Approximately 13 parents in attendance (quorum reached)

Chair: Christine Dearing

Minutes: Peggy Lee

Time	Description
7:00	Welcome Motion to accept Christine Dearing as Acting Chair Motion by Tracey; seconded by Lianne Motion carried
7:10	Approval of October 26, 2016 minutes Motion by Lisa Tuer / seconded by Erin Davis Motion carried Approval of November 30 th Agenda Motion by Erin/seconded by Luce Motion carried
7:15 pm	General discussion regarding low turnout at past PAC meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees shared their past experiences at PAC meetings, number of parents that attended and ways to encourage parents to participate. • Suggest inviting speakers to PAC meetings for parent education • Inviting department heads to speak
7:25 pm	Treasurer’s Report and Wish List review and approval Speaker: Tracey St. Denis The following funds were available for allocation: General fund - \$6,028 Gaming fund - \$31,805 The criteria for allocation is determined by the nature of the requests. “General funds” are to be allocated to requests that are curriculum based. “Gaming funds” are allocated to requests that are non-curriculum based but that provide enrichment or extra-curricular support. Final approved amount: General fund - \$6,025 Gaming fund - \$27,716 Motion by Tracey / seconded by John Puddifoot Motion carried The funds paid for the following requests: General fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tables for the Library • Social Justice 12 speaker program



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fieldtrip / transportation for Environmental Leadership 10 class <p>Gaming fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swim caps and transportation for swim team • Debate club (gr. 8 – 12) • Math contest (20% of school participates) • Do It Yourself Club - Vex Robotics classroom and competition kit • Field hockey jersey • Dry grad • Various workshops for grades 9/10 (i.e. safe teen, how to study, sexual health, grad transitions) • Music sessions for Life Skills program • Engagement with working artist – portrait bust program • Gloves and punch pads for Hit/fit club for grade 10 girls (cardio kick boxing) • Comfort items for the Counselling department and other student support groups. Items comfort the students in moments of emotional distress, encourages bonding
8:00 pm	<p>Election of new table officers for Steering Committee: Co-Chair: Erin Davis/ Peggy Lee Treasurer: Lianne Wang DPAC: John Puddifoot Secretary: Nancy Bradshaw Past-Chair: Christine Dearing (non-voting member of the Steering Committee) All officers were elected by acclamation It was decided that the position of Vice-Chair was not needed given the decision to have two co-chairs.</p>
8:10 pm	<p>Principal's Report Speaker: Geoff Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 basketball tryout held – coach found • All students were sent a letter from the Minister regarding extra time for teachers and administrators to implement the new curriculum
8:20 pm	<p>Teacher's Report Speaker: Scott McKeen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association (VSTA) sent a letter to the BC Teacher's Federation (BCTF) regarding the election of a new school board. VSTA would like a return to democratic election. • The Supreme Court of Canada recognized the contract stripping language regarding class sizes. BCTF to reinstate the 2002 class size language as stipulated in the ruling. Hopefully, the language can be put in place for September 2017. • General discussion regarding class size in relation to the complexity of a classroom.
8:30 pm	<p>Committee Reports Speaker: Christine (for Nancy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding forming a parent education committee that would look into bringing in speakers.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This led to a general discussion regarding the anxiety level present in the school. The anxiety may be attributed to unrealistic standards the students feel they need to achieve. These standards may also be based on incorrect information regarding post-secondary entrance requirements. Therefore, parent education in helping teens navigate through this challenging time is highly beneficial.• Decision to empower Nancy to organize SACY to speak to parents on January 12; likely around the topic of anxiety. SACY will coordinate with the Byng counselling department. <p>Motion by Peggy to create a Parent Education committee/ seconded by Lisa Motion carried</p> <p>Motion to create a Fundraising Committee within which Lisa will oversee Wish List Motion by John/seconded by Erin Motion carried</p>
8:40 pm	DPAC Report Speaker: John Puddifoot John reported that Diane Turner, the government appointed Trustee, has passed a new budget.
8:50 pm	Meeting adjourned