

## **Minutes**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** School Library

Chair: Erin Davis

Time Keeper: Peggy Lee

Steering Committee Attendees: Erin Davis, Lianne Wang, John Puddifoot, Peggy Lee

Absent: Nancy Bradshaw, Christine Dearing

**Quorum not reached – 7 parents in attendance (including Steering Committee)** 

\*\*Note: Due to a lack of quorum an informal meeting was conducted\*\*

Time	Description	Speaker
7:00 pm	Welcome	Erin Davis
	<ul> <li>Approval of January 25, 2017 Minutes – English</li> <li>Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum</li> </ul>	
	Approval of February 22, 2017 Agenda  • Agenda could not be approved due to lack of quorum	
7:05 pm	Review purpose of PAC In addition to the purpose as set out in the Bylaw and section 8 of the School Act:	Erin/Peggy
7:15 pm	<ul> <li>Principal's Report</li> <li>Please support the Grad parents who are raising funds by buy more cookie dough.</li> <li>Term 2 ends this week</li> <li>Report cards are uploaded on student portal on</li> </ul>	Geoff Taylor

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	<ul> <li>March 9<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Info sent to parents re getting on to portal.</li> <li>Call the school if questions</li> <li>Two Field trips – San Fran and Ireland (Strings)</li> <li>Communication – refer to the school website often</li> <li>VSB looking for parent involvement in reporting. If interested, contact Mr. Taylor</li> <li>Attended conference: "The Science of How We Learn". A lot of controversy and contradiction. Books may be borrowed from Mr. Taylor. Will share knowledge with staff.</li> </ul>	
7:25 pm	<ul> <li>Teacher's Report</li> <li>Continuing to work on implementing the Supreme Court of Canada agreement.</li> <li>Agreement will be made hopefully in Spring in time for planning for next school year.</li> <li>Putting 20 mil back in for supplies</li> <li>VSTA put together a pamphlet – info for parents around putting pressure on MLAs. The roll parents play in advocating for schools</li> <li>17 children had survival training in the snow. Literature indicate children that spend time in nature are more connected to it and become more informed as an adult regarding issues such as pipelines, tree cutting etc.</li> <li>Teachers are working on creating a new curriculum that includes outdoor experience along with First Nations studies.</li> </ul>	Scott McKeen
7:30 pm	<ul> <li>DPAC Report</li> <li>2 billion in next 3 years for building schools</li> <li>The main Byng building is safe. However, the back of the school is not (i.e. auditorium, Gym etc). As a result, Byng would not be at the top of the list for seismic upgrade.</li> </ul>	John Puddifoot
7:35 pm	Treasurer's Report  • PAC account is separate from the Grad committee	Lianne Wang

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7:40 pm	<ul> <li>account.</li> <li>Grad committee account is part of the school account.</li> <li>If the grad committee has funds after grad, they will generally purchase an item for the school (i.e. plant a tree, buy a bench, pay for a wish list item etc)</li> <li>Committee Report</li> </ul>	Nancy
	<ul> <li>Update postponed to next meeting.</li> </ul>	Bradshaw
7:40 pm	<ul> <li>Other business</li> <li>Wish List items         <ul> <li>Could not approve due to lack of quorum</li> </ul> </li> <li>Staff appreciation lunch         <ul> <li>Teachers/Administration to set date in June</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Peggy
7:45 pm	<ul> <li>Grocery card – try to encourage people to buy grocery cards as we all shop at the stores and there is no extra cost associated</li> <li>Amy (Grad parent) streamlined procedures for bottle drive. Will share with other parents</li> <li>Discussion regarding low attendance and the lack of quorum for almost all the meetings so far. This has significant impact on the approval of wish list items.</li> </ul>	All
8:00 pm	Adjournment	

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