

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
(PAC)
2014-2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AT 7:00 p.m. AT LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL

Approximately 170 parents in attendance

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Jake Fry acted as Chair and Christine Dearing acted as Secretary.

Jake noted that this was our first meeting operating with our new Constitution and Bylaws.

Anda Yan acted as Chinese/English translator.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

Members of the PAC received notice of the meeting had received electronic notice of such meeting more than 7 days within the start of the school year for 2015-2016.

3. QUORUM

Quorum of 12 voting members and two elected officers is necessary and was achieved.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Treasurer, Tracey St. Denis presented the financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2015 for consideration. An application for this year's Gaming Grant will be made this week.

Motion to accept financial statements: John Puddifoot

Seconded: Alexa Herbertson

Carried

Motion to move item 6 up: Nicola Zeunert

Seconded: Alexa Herbertson

Carried

5. WAIVER OF AUDITOR

Motion to waive the appointment of auditors of the Society for the coming year: Linda Shaw

Seconded: Alexa Herbertson

Carried

6. STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair gave a brief report outlining the activities of the previous academic year 2014-2015.

- New bylaws to facilitate goal of inclusivity and to allow all parents to participate in all decisions related to the work of PAC. The Steering Committee functions only to create an agenda with the full PAC determining the goals for each year
- Direct Appeal and Grocery Card program financed Wish List items
- More successful method of communicating to English and Chinese members of PAC: translation of all agendas, minutes and documents, translation available at all meetings, all communication posted in English and Chinese on website and sent home via the school
- New website
- Parent social evening which provide an opportunity to meet new parents
- Lay the groundwork to begin working together effectively this academic year for the well-being of all students

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the 2015 Constitution and Bylaws, a call for nominations to the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and District PAC Representative was made within 7 days of the beginning of the academic year 2015-2016.

The Chair called for nominations for each of the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and District PAC Representative.

The positions of Co-Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and District PAC Representative were elected by acclamation as follows:

Co-Chairs: Jake Fry, Christine Dearing
Vice Chair: Janis Liu
Treasurer: Tracey St. Denis
DPAC Rep: Linda Liu

Elections were held for the position of Secretary. Mary Pappajohn and Amy Yan were candidates. Each candidate expressed her interest in running for the position of Secretary. A secret ballot vote was held.

Motion to declare the person with the most votes the winner: Maureen Fitzgerald

Seconded: Linda Shaw

Carried

Ms.Vey-Chilton acted as returning officer and reported that Amy Yan was the successful candidate. The ballots were destroyed after the election.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lianne Wang expressed an interest in running for a position on the District PAC executive.

Jake Fry proposed a motion to nominate Lianne to allow her to run for election to DPAC.

A discussion took place to explain that any parent with a child in a Vancouver school may run for a position on the District PAC. The District PAC advises the Vancouver School Board on behalf of all schools in the District on matters related to the well-being of students. It was also communicated to parents that DPAC is a separate organization from Byng PAC. It was also clarified that our nomination allows for individuals to run in an election but has no bearing on the election outcome. Any other parents interested in running for a DPAC position may do so.

Parents expressed a desire to have more time to consider the motion.

Motion to table a motion to nominate Lianne Wang for the purposes of running in an election for the District PAC until the October 28 meeting: John Puddifoot

Seconded: Su Xu

Carried

TERMINATION

If there is no further business, a motion was be made to terminate the meeting: John Puddifoot

Seconded: Tracey St. Denis

Carried

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7 PM IN THE LIBRARY

AGENDA AVAILABLE ON THE PAC WEBSITE

www.lordbyngpac.com