



Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: School Library

Present: Peggy Lee (Co-Chair), Lianne Wang (Treasurer), John Puddifoot (DPAC), 6 additional parents
Quorum not reached

Absent: Erin Davis (Co-Chair), Nancy Bradshaw (Secretary)

Note: due to lack of quorum (12 individuals), an *informal* meeting was conducted.

Time	Description	Speaker
7:00 – 7:05 pm	Welcome	Peggy Lee
7:05 – 7:10 pm	Approval of November 30, 2016 Minutes – English/Mandarin <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum Approval of January 25, 2017 Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agenda not approved due to lack of quorum	Peggy
7:10 – 7:25 pm	Principal's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none">Parent/Teacher night<ul style="list-style-type: none">Positive feedback from parents about the teaching staffSome parents expressed disappointment with the lack of time (5min)Parents are encouraged to contact the teachers directly if they wish to speak with the teacher. Indicate the purpose of the meeting. Teacher's email are on the Lord Byng website. About Us/Staff DirectoryThe school asked for extra teaching staff for assistance in various classes.Enrolment is projected to drop next yearCourse planning is underway.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Noticed that a lot of children change their mind after they come back from summer vacation. This can be problematic for staffing.Next report card will be online<ul style="list-style-type: none">Correction to errors on the report card will be reflected in the following report card.Paper copies may be requested.Lord Byng is one of four early adopters of online reporting. Feedback from office staff is that parents are "on it".Curriculum Assessment Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">Not yet finalized	Geoff Taylor



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

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7:25 – 7:40 pm	<p>Teacher’s Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curriculum Assessment update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCTF has withdrawn teacher’s involvement with the development of curriculum assessment as they disagree with the use of data. • BCTF believes the data should be anonymous (not associated to specific schools). Organizations such as the Fraser Institute are using the results of the assessment to rank schools which is not the purpose of the assessment. 2. After canvassing staff, determined that more teaching support is required in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math – junior grades • Science • ELL 3. Free on-line courses at UBC (EdX) 4. Two inquiry groups were formed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outdoor education and Environmental/Sustainability Humanity relate courses. Trying to pull together courses that currently stand alone. b. STEAM (ScienceTechEngineeringArtMath) Bring tech skills into Art 	Scott McKeen
7:40 – 7:55 pm	<p>DPAC Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pasi Sahlberg - Speaker at Vancouver Secondary Teacher’s Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internationally renowned Finnish speaker on education systems, organizational structures and reforms. • BC ranking worldwide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8th in Math ○ 3rd in Science ○ 1st in Reading • Accountability vs. Responsibility - Make the people doing the work responsible • Early education and support for young children (0-4 years) are very important and cannot be made up later. 2. DPAC/BCCPAC update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPAC chair stepped down • BCCPAC now looking for nomination to fill the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President ○ Vice President ○ 2 Directors ○ Secretary 3. Call for resolution 	John Puddifoot



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline is Jan. 31st. However, resolutions can be submitted on the floor at the AGM. 	
7:55 – 8:10pm	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of balance from general and gaming funds • Basketball scoreboard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Replacing the scoreboard was estimated at \$17K ○ Propose to just change the electrical component for @\$8K, leftover money from grad to put towards new basketball backboard. ○ Geoff to write details down and bring to PAC for approval. 	Lianne Wang
8:10 – 8:20 pm	<p>Committee Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parent Education update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 12th talk was cancelled due to the rescheduling of parent/teacher night. Will work on an alternate date • Trying to coordinate a meeting with those that expressed interest in participating in the Parent Education committee. 2. Secretary position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a volunteer to take over the Secretary position as Nancy would like to focus on running the Education committee. 	Peggy for Nancy Bradshaw
8:20 – 8:45 pm	<p>Other business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wish List items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could not vote due to lack of quorum 2. Staff appreciation lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff very appreciative of lunch • Best time is last two weeks of June right before end of school year where the atmosphere is more relaxed and teachers have a better opportunity to take a proper lunch break. 	Peggy
8:45 pm	<p>Roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the fact that we are one of very few PACs where there is a quorum required and the number is set quite high. • Attendance to PAC meetings have been quite low this year, and it is increasingly difficult to conduct business. 	All
9:00 pm	Adjournment	