



**Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Location: School Library**

**Chair: Peggy Lee**

18 People in attendance

<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
7:00 pm	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance of November’s meeting minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waived reading of minutes by consent</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Acceptance of January’s agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accepted by consent</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	P. Lee
7:05 pm	Guest Speaker from Stong’s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented PAC with cheque</li> <li>• Describe Cash Back Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stong’s donates 4% of online purchases back to the school.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Brian - Stong’s Representative
7:15 pm	Parent Tea & Talk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce new initiative from the counseling department to encourage connectedness and support parents as they navigate Lord Byng with their children               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The first Parent Tea &amp; Talk will be held on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 am– 9am.</li> <li>- This is a good opportunity for parents to connect with the counselors, ask questions and network with other parents.</li> <li>- Future dates (April/May) will be announced in the school newsletters</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	T. McKay
7:20 pm	Meet New Vice Principal Mr. M. Vulgaris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transferred from Killarney. Previously taught at UHill.</li> <li>- Send email for MyEd password reset. Include student name and number</li> </ul>	M. Vulgaris
7:30 pm	DPAC report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jan Unwin (in charge of grad transitions and involved with the new curriculum)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Topic: <b>Educational Transformation: What does the new curriculum mean for your children?</b></li> <li>○ Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> , 7pm – 9 pm at VSB office.</li> <li>○ Rm. 180, 1580 West Broadway</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	J. Puddifoot/E. Bartlett



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Free parking below building; take elevator to G floor</li> <li>○ The event will also be broadcast for those unable to attend.</li> <li>○ Link to info: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/educational-transformation-what-does-the-new-curriculum-mean-for-your-children-tickets-42894073328">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/educational-transformation-what-does-the-new-curriculum-mean-for-your-children-tickets-42894073328</a></li> </ul>	
7:35 pm	<p>Teacher's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shift to the new curriculum is a big challenge for everyone.</li> <li>- Generational change: New teachers are trained in the new curriculum but coming into building that are not designed (physically, time table, cultural) for the new curriculum.</li> <li>- Redesigning the curriculum does not come by very often. This change is driven by post secondary schools and employers. They are looking for students that are creative and able to problem solve.</li> <li>- Encourage parents to be patient as it will be "bumpy" in the beginning.</li> </ul>	S. McKeen
7:45pm	<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Student learning grant update:</b> The school was given \$42,175. Total spend was \$41,957. Everything that was previously approved was spent.</li> <li>- <b>Teacher recruitment:</b> there is a shortage of 1 – 2 teachers every day. Staff lose their prep time in order to cover. Overall, as the Vancouver School Board is hiring teachers, they are losing teachers to other districts.</li> <li>- <b>Literacy &amp; Numeracy tests:</b> the numeracy test is a test of the practical application of thinking and problem solving. This is a shift in thinking. The math department anticipates poor results the first couple of years as it is a new approach to "math".</li> <li>- <b>Planning 10:</b> This program is ending. Working on a 3 year program culminating in a capstone project in grade 12.</li> <li>- <b>Letter grades:</b> Anecdotal report can be given in grades 8/9. If a parent wants a letter grade, one will be given.</li> <li>- <b>Career Information Assistant:</b> This position was cut. The Principal and Counselors are currently trying to assist students in this. However, they do not have time to consistently check for updates.</li> </ul>	G. Taylor
8:10pm	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Grad Committee:</b> Lisa T. indicated that a portion of the vinyl to cover the gym floor is missing. Therefore, must be</li> </ul>	All members



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	<p>purchased</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Lisa T. Motion for PAC to approve the allocation of \$5,000 from the grad surplus fund to go towards the purchase of the vinyl floor covering for the gym.</li><li>○ Elizabeth S. 2<sup>nd</sup></li><li>○ Motion Passed</li></ul> <p>- <b>Teacher appreciation lunch:</b> held every year in June. There will be a call for parents to contribute towards the end of the school year.</p>	
8:35 pm	Meeting adjourned	