

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE**  
**LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY**  
**COUNCIL**

**(PAC)**

**FEBURARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 GENERAL MEETING**

**AT 7:00 p.m. in the Library of LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Approximately 13 parents in attendance

**Steering Committee Members Present:**

Jake Fry, Christine Dearing, Tracey St. Denis, Linda Liu, Amy Yan

Absent: Janis Liu

| <b>Time</b>      | <b>Item</b>  | <b>Speaker</b> |
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| <b>7:15-7:17</b> | Welcome and thank you to Nicola and other parents for refreshments<br>Motion to approve January 2016 meeting minutes – Tracey St. Denis<br>Seconded - Nicola Zeunert<br>Motion carried<br>Motion to approve the February 2016 agenda – Lisa Tuer<br>Seconded - John Puddifoot<br>Motion carried<br>Note that next month, teachers from the Applied Skills department will join us at the meeting.<br>No translation needed since all parents present speak English   | <b>Jake</b>    |
| <b>7:18-7:25</b> | Principal's Report<br><br>The past month flew by for me and I was pleased and astonished by lots of sales and fundraising events, especially around Valentine's Day. Lots of fundraising at school and great opportunities to get people to work with one another.<br><br>Interim reports have gone out. Staff has been arranging presentations on learning opportunities and Green Thumb Theatre presented earlier in the month.<br><br>Our planning 10 and health and career teacher has also has something coming in early March. One Act plays went very well.<br><br>Sports teams have been enjoying a lot of success with the season coming to an end. The junior girls' | <b>Geoff</b>   |

basketball team qualified for the provincial championships, finished 3rd in the Lower Mainland for the first time in the past 15 years. Senior boys have a tournament coming up this week. Things are going well and we are looking ahead to the spring season.

Byng Arts acceptance letters have been going out. There is placement testing coming up for the ELL students. I have met with many parents and students over the past month and things are going very well.

**7:25-7:27**

**Teacher's Report**

**Scott**

We have been involved in long-term facilities planning. There are opportunities for input with the VSB and we encourage parents to be aware of what's going on and to take the time to share your views.

Teachers are working on the new BC curriculum for grades 8 and 9. Teachers are a bit anxious about the changes. Alain Raoul and Scott are working together through English First Peoples language and social justice to bring a play about the residential school experience to Byng. We hope to get Three Crows Productions to come and present to the grade 9,10 and 11s, the two grade that deal with residential schools in the curriculums, helping young people to understand what happens here in Canada in terms of legacy of original communities.

**7:30-7:45**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Tracey**

Tracey gave her report ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Report details were shown on projector.

Following discussed:

Motion to approve covering the short fall for the 3D printer for additional \$784.00 on top of \$2014.88 which was already approved previously – John Puddifoot

Seconded - Anda Ma

Motion carried

Motion to approve to fund all items except the coach clothing (only \$1,000 approved), scoreboard and new tables for library - Nicola Zeunert

Seconded – John Puddifoot

Motion carried

Resurfacing large cutting table can be taken care of by the school.

Discussion about whether the VSB will pay for a new scoreboard (they will not).

Motion to reduce funding for leadership T-shirts on Gaming Wish List for 80 students to \$1,500.00 from \$2,500.00 - Lucy Zhang

Seconded – Lisa Tuer

Motion carried

**7:52 DPAC Report Linda**

DPAC has \$5,000.00 to share with all schools who submit with applications. Funding will be given out in June.

DPAC appointed Rayana Garen as DPAC representative for gifted education advisory committee. Her duty is to attend scheduled meetings and present written reports to DPAC meetings.

Discussion on a Special meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> city wide meeting for all parents) and DPAC is also planning a parent education workshop. Suggest Annual meeting change from February to April.

Two educational experts attended DPAC meeting:

One is Dr. Patricia Porter who came to talk about her book, "The Porter Process: 5 Steps to Unlock Your Child's Potential From K to Career".

Another book is from Dr. Gabriela Ionita: "Anxiety in Childhood". She is willing to come to school to present for free.

We agreed to post the information about Dr. Gabriela Ionita: "Anxiety in Childhood", on the PAC website and ask the office to put a notice in the Byng newsletter. Parents interested in bringing this speaker to the school should email the PAC at [lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com).

Meanwhile our discussion supported the idea of having Quining Wang and the parent education committee contact Dr. Gabriela Ionita directly and see how many parents are needed for Dr. Ionita to come and speak. Based on the response from parents, we would then try and facilitate this event.

DPAC is aware that some parents have contacted the city regarding medical marijuana dispensary development application. There will be a meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**8:00-8:07 Gift Card Program Update Jane/Lisa**

Made \$840

**8:07-8:17 Other Business Jake**

Jinny Ahn asked Christine to propose a parent pub night as a social event for parents. We can discuss this idea at the April meeting.

John Puddifoot: BCCPAC had brief meeting; forecasting short fall of budget \$4,000,000.00; VSB received funding protection before but now the funding protection is disappearing.

Provincial budget has been set.

AGM this year will be in Kelowna; PAC signed a proxy for John to represent Lord Byng at the AGM

Parents can log into Myedbc to check student's record /marks.

Motion to nominate John to be our proxy for BCCPAC AGM - Tracey St. Denis

Seconded – Nancy [last name]

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 30pm