

Lord Byng Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
3939 West 16th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
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Minutes of Meeting of September 30, 2008

September 30th, 7:15 PM
Lord Byng School Library

Chair for Meeting: Leo Ferry calls the meeting to order.

Attendance: approximately 40 parents – as per attached list as well as school administrators & presenters.

1. Adopt Agenda: Patti Bacchus makes a motion to accept the agenda; Tim Braund second the motion; all in favour.
2. Minutes of last meeting in June 2008: Leo Ferry indicates that minutes to the last meeting held in Spring 2008 were circulated to the executive but copies are not available for this meeting.
3. Report by Principal: Ms. Maria Taddei: introduces teachers who are making brief presentations at the meeting and other administrators/ teachers present. This includes:
 - Shawn Nugent (snugent@vsb.bc.ca) of the school growth planning committee; needs parents on committee, please contact if interested.
 - D. Matear (dmatear@vsb.bc.ca) of the Sustainability Team and Helping Hands student committee; mentions contributions of Lord Byng to Free the Children organization and Me-to-We group; mentions October 17th telecast for National Me-to-We day organized by Free-the-Children and others to link various schools including Lord Byng and school in Ontario and one in Uganda.
 - Suzan Sorrell: Crisis Centre in Vancouver will be conducting a research project regarding the implementation of the Reaching Out program at Lord Byng, which is a program designed to reduce emotional distress and prevent risks for suicide within teen-agers. The program will be implemented and evaluated with the Grade 11 students.
 - Andy Johnson (ajohnson@vsb.bc.ca) (teacher) and two Grade 12 students of the 2008/09 Graduation committee present upcoming graduation plans for 2009 (grad dinner & dance) and thanks PAC and Byng parents for their support each year. (PAC donated \$4,000 last year).
 - Ms. Maria Taddei and the two Vice-Principals discuss various issues including enrollment, issue of U-Hill overflow, need to re-organize 4 Grade 10 classes and other organization issues. Also, tells PAC that school is reviewing policy regarding mid-term exams.
4. Librarian, Ms. Erin Zimmaro introduces library resources, thanks parents for on-going support and introduces herself as teacher-representative who attends PAC meetings.
5. PAC Treasurer's report (Julia Lian): treasurer joined PAC executive at the end of 2007/2008 school year and as a result, the financial statements for the 2007/2008 year are not up to date. They will be presented at the next PAC meeting.

6. BCCPAC/ DPAC: Daniel Chowne, past chair on the Executive stresses the need for new people to join the PAC executive and attend DPAC meetings.
7. Fundraising: Michele (Mickey) Carrington, the PAC fundraising coordinator, gives a brief description of the Gift Certificate program and the Close the Gap Campaign. She also outlines the Wish list process whereby teachers tell PAC what they would like be funded for the year – e.g. projectors, music instruments, etc. PAC and administration review the Wish List and hopefully can fund the majority of the items. Michele asks parents to be generous, either through the Gift Certificate program (Stongs, Safeway, etc.) or through the Close-the-Gap campaign (taxable receipts will be issued to anyone who makes a direct donation to the school).
8. Parent and PAC Executive member Brenda Roseneau speaks briefly about the U-Hill overflow issue and her interest to get involved with DPAC and others at the school.
9. Executive Election: Daniel Chowne seeks nomination from the floor for the following positions: Chair, Communications, DPAC/BCCPA rep, and other. Leo Ferry nominates Sylvie Lefebvre as chair for the PAC. Sylvie Lefebvre accepts co-chair nomination with Daniel Chowne as other co-chair. Volunteers were sought and a few people stepped in. PAC executive Positions have been filled as follows for a one year term – from Sept 30, 2008 to first PAC meeting of 2009/2010 school year, likely by Sept. 30, 2009:
 - Co-chair: Daniel Chowne & Sylvie Lefebvre
 - Past- Chair: Leo Ferry
 - Treasurer: Julia Lian
 - Secretary: Cathy Ryan
 - Fundraising: Michele Carrington
 - DPAC/BCCPA rep: Brian Marcus
 - Web design: Yvonne Marcus
 - Volunteer Coordinator/ Parent-Teacher Lunch Coordinator: Brenda Rosenau
 - Director-at-large: Patti Bacchus
 - Coordinator - Chinese PAC Support Group: Lewis Yau Liu
 - School Growth Committee Representative: Vacant
 - Communications Director: Vacant
 Leo Ferry and Daniel Chowne express their thanks to all PAC Executive members who served last year and who will be serving in this coming year.
10. Next meetings:
 - PAC Executive meetings are always held the 3rd Tuesday of each month, therefore Oct. 21 at 7:15 PM (likely at the school library).
 - PAC meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:15 PM in the school library. NEXT PAC MEETING IS THEREFORE SET FOR OCTOBER 28TH, 2008 AT 7:15 PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.