

Lord Byng Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Executive
3939 West 16th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
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Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, February 24, 2009

7:15 PM

Lord Byng School library

Present (Executive): Daniel Chowne and Sylvie Lefebvre (Co-Chairs), Julia Lian (Treasurer), Yvonne Marcus (Web Design), Brenda Rosenau (Volunteer Coordinator), Ingrid Holler (Director at Large), Michelle Carrington (Fundraising), Lewis Yau Lin (Chinese Parents' Liaison), Cathie Ryan (Secretary), Brian Marcus (DPAC/BCCPAC) John Hobbs (Volunteer Coordinator)

Regrets: Leo Ferry (Past Co-Chair)

1. Motion to approve Agenda
 - a. Moved: Ingrid Holler
 - b. Seconded: Julia Lian Carried

2. Motion to approve Minutes of January 20, 2009 PAC Meeting
 - a. Moved: Sylvie Lefebvre
 - b. Seconded: Lewis Yau Lin Carried

3. Principal's Report
 - a. Ms. Taddei explained that the school is taking a look at its computers and communications systems.
 - b. Mr. Henry Auking from VSB Facilities explained the impact of the planned water main reconstruction on 16th Avenue which will begin this May and continue through November.
 - c. Ms. Taddei reported that Lord Byng will be a pilot school for a suicide prevention program that will be a joint effort with UBC and the Vancouver Crisis Centre. The thrust of the program which will be aimed at Grade 11 students is to encourage kids to reach out to adults for help, and to educate parents on how to recognize and respond to kids who might be at risk of committing suicide.
 - d. Some proposed dates for the SACY program which will include Lord Byng, Kitsilano and Churchill schools were being considered.

4. Treasurer's Report – Julia Lian
There is \$27,572 in the PAC Gaming Account and \$24,412 in the Regular Account. Of the approximately \$51,000 on hand, \$44,000 is to be committed as per the Teachers' Wish List.

5. Guest Speaker – Natalie Wi, the Lord Byng ESL Coordinator reported on the 180 EST and 90 International students she is responsible for.
Lewis Yau Lin reported on the concerns of the Chinese parents for finding out information for which courses to take for getting into better universities.
Yvonne Marcus and Len Pelletier demonstrated the PAC Website.
6. DPAC Report by Brian Marcus who explained that a letter presented to the VSB encouraging the VSB to include Byng's outstanding seismic retrofit issues with the Jules Quesnel upgrades has met with the response that our upgrades are not a particularly high priority. The VSB did say that they would get cost estimates for the savings to be won by doing the work concurrently with the JQ upgrade
The VST has decided that during the 2010 Winter Olympics that schools will stay open.
VSB Budget meetings are focusing on what is working and what is missing, with particular regard being paid to computers and technology and special needs.
7. Fundraising report by Michelle Carrington – the Grocery certificates have raised \$4,000 for Dry Grad. Jan Scherk will be working with the Grade 11 students to set up for the May 28 and 29 event. She can be reached at JMScherk@telus.net.
8. Next meeting to be Tuesday March th at 7:15 p.m. PAC Executive meeting same day at 6:15 p.m.
9. 26 parents attended the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.