

Lord Byng Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
3939 West 16th Avenue
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Minutes of Meeting of March 2009

March 24, 7:15 PM
Lord Byng School Library

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

Regrets: Leo Ferry (Past Co-Chair), Yvonne Marcus (Web Design), Julia Lian (Treasurer),

Total Number of Attendees: 29

1. Motion to approve Agenda
Moved: Ingrid Holler
Seconded: Michele Carrington
2. Motion to approve minutes of February 24, 2009 meeting
Moved: John Hobbs
Seconded: Brian Marcus
3. Principal's Report – Ms. Taddei
 - a) As a result of the virus problem experienced by VSB computers, VSB undertook a review and passed the Computer Sustainability Plan. This Plan will result in Byng receiving two new computer labs, new computers for the administration and will ensure that every teacher has a computer.
 - b) Byng goals include participating in "Tech it Away", a program to recycle electronic gear.
 - c) A generous donor has come forward to cover the shortfall of travel expenses (over fundraising) for the Senior Improv team to go to the Nationals.
 - d) D. Braun, Byng student, won a video contest with a prize of \$2,000.
 - e) Byng is developing (day-to-day) student assessment programs (see attached Assessment for Learning Success for each Student).
4. Treasurer's Report – Sylvie Lefebvre
Of the approximately \$52,000 on hand, \$20,000 will shortly be paid to teachers and administration for approved purchased that have now been supported by invoices and \$20,000 remains committed to other approved Teachers' Wish List items.

5. DPAC/BCCPAC Report – Brain Marcus
Earlier this year, Byng PAC asked the VSB Planning and Facilities Committee to consider adding remaining seismic work at Byng onto the Jules Quesnel earthquake retrofit occurring this summer. The VSB has now confirmed that remaining work at Byng will not take place along with work being done this summer at Jules Quesnel.
6. Fundraising – Michele Carrington
Grocery certificate program participation has dropped off somewhat and the \$12,000 to 15,000 budgeted net revenue will likely not be achieved. Grad fundraising continues with raffle tickets still available.
7. Guest Speakers – Anita Roberts and Bill Pozzobon, Safeteen
Anita and Bill introduced themselves and gave Byng parents an overview and demonstration of Safeteen’s assertiveness model to prevent and de-escalate violence. Safeteen’s Girls’ and Boys’ programs are received by Byng Grade 10 students.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.