

**Lord Byng Secondary School  
PAC General Meeting November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

PAC Executive members in attendance: Daniel Chowne, Sylvie Lefebvre, Monique Giard, Julia Lian, Karen Ford, Michelle Carrington, James Chau, John Hobbs, Lucy Li

Secretary: Monique Giard

**Adoption of the agenda:** Proposed by John Hobbs, seconded by Monique Giard, all in favor.

**Adoption of the minutes** of last meeting in October: Proposed by John Hobbs and seconded by Monique Giard, all in favor.

**Principal's report:** Ms Maria Taddei

- Rugby: Semi finals in rugby with excellent players
- Music & fine arts: New jazz teacher: very dynamic. Next gig at Oakridge Center
- School Growth: Assessment workshop with staff Dec 9<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation: Consultation regarding wearing caps at the graduation. A few years ago, students were sitting in the upper part of the platform and threw their caps, which is why the caps were banned. Students are now sitting on the stage. School wants to survey the Grade 12 population to find out if we can have the caps for 2011 graduation.
- Caps cost \$10 which would increase the school fee for the caps (on top of the gown price. Students would keep their caps. For next year, survey the students about the issue.

**Report from Treasurer Julia Lian:**

- Current cash on hand is around \$33,000 including Gaming funds and funds from fundraising
- We wish to raise more money for the school and ask parents to participate in the fundraising.
- Teachers' wish list: We asked all the departments head to suggest their wish and PAC Executive is reviewing all wishes; so far PAC Executive has approved \$10,000. Example of wishes include: Safe

- Teen sessions, classes' equipment, yoga mats, projectors, science equipment, etc.
- At the next PAC meeting we will have all the complete list of approvals for the wish list.

**Fund raising Report:** nothing to report – please contribute to gift card program and support Grad fundraising

**Other business:**

James Chau: District parent adviser council at the BC level. DEPAC Nov 26. James will meet other representatives from other PACs: Will discuss gaming funds and the need to be transparent. He will post the minutes from the Depac on the PAC website.

**New Business:**

Sara Neil and Bryan Jack guests: Talk about the Track and Field Team. The largest team in the school with all inclusive, from beginners to athlete levels. One challenge is not having enough coaches. Needed: coaches and parent volunteers to help out with the management of the Byng track & field team this winter & spring. Lord Byng needs a very large team (75 +) so that Byng can participate in all the track & field events & win first prize for the City.

History: We wanted to win the Championship and came second. Last year was the 10th year, we came second again. We need more help and support for our team. We need hurdles equipment.

Byng Go! (Bingo Program for student looking to improve their fitness. Time: 7:30-8:30 in the morning. It offers extra training for our athletes. Please tell all students to join the team, it is open to everybody.

Please encourage the students in your household to participate, and consider helping out these two great Phys Ed teachers. If you are interested, please contact: Sara Neil: [sneil@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:sneil@vsb.bc.ca) or Byron Jack: [bjack@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:bjack@vsb.bc.ca)

**Speaker on H1N1 Virus: Lindsay Symonds – Public Health Nurse VCH.**

School nurse: Grade 9 immunization. She talked about the virus and the vaccine.

Type A virus: This virus can infect animals and humans; it developed from the pig and infected more animals and now more people. It has mutated and is not the same virus.

There are 2 vaccines available. Clinic every day in the high schools open to all community members (Kitsilano High School in this area).

Questions about the vaccine:

Question: If a child had H1N1 does he need to have the vaccine?

A: Symptom: high fever and cough. You can go ahead and get the vaccine but only if you have not been diagnosed. If you have been diagnosed you have your own immunization and don't need the vaccine.

Q: If you had the vaccine do you get the virus?

A: No it is 100% protected.

Q: If the symptoms are mild is it still dangerous?

A: The age of people above 65 and babies are more at risk, it is dangerous even when it is mild. It can escalate and become more dangerous.

Q: How can I be 100% sure that it is safe for me?

A: It is prepared by experts in Canada and it is guaranteed against the virus.

Q: People are being more preventative with washing hands and coughing in their elbows. Do we still need the vaccine?

A: The pandemic is going down with more prevention but getting the vaccine is a better prevention.

Q: Can you be a carrier of the virus if you are not vaccinated?

A: Yes you can transmit the virus to another person before you know you have the virus.

Q: Older students will be traveling in the spring, is that a good reason to get the vaccine?

A: Spring time is less of a concern.

Q: Will the clinic be in the schools during the day of our Byng students?

A: NO the clinics are at Kits.

Q: How long is the wait time for the vaccine to be effective?

A: 10 days to 2 weeks

Q: Is it an annual thing?

A: A new virus may show up next year. You won't need the H1N1 vaccine again.

Q: What are the two kinds of vaccines?

A: Two kinds: Activated Vaccine-The immune system will react faster, Inactivated Vaccine, which takes 10 days to 2 weeks to be activated.

Q: Some vaccines are different, can babies be vaccinated at 6 months and older?

A: That's correct.

Q: Compared to the seasonal flu what is the % of number with H1N1?

A: 90% of the infections now are H1N1

Q: How is the traveling situation?

A: No restrictions on traveling.

**Thank you Lindsay for your informative session!**

Next PAC meeting, January 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

From the PAC members:

WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!

