

## Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** School Library

Chair: Peggy Lee

Steering Committee Attendees: Erin Davis, Lianne Wang, John Puddifoot, Peggy Lee,

**Attendance**: Over 60 parents

Time	Description	Speaker
7:00 pm	Pleased with turn out this evening     Encourage everyone to participate and meet other parents	P. Lee
7:05 pm	<ul> <li>Meet the new Vice Principal</li> <li>Mr. Tuerlings is the new VP for Grades 8 &amp; 9</li> <li>Has heard great things about Byng and is looking forward to working here</li> <li>He comes from a background in Athletics</li> </ul>	A. Tuerlings
7:10 pm	Principal's Report  Student Learning Grant  • \$42,000 one-time grant for student learning to be used by January 2018  • Discussion by parents on best way to spend the money:  • Could be used to defray parent costs, but rebating what has been paid would be complicated  • Suggestion to cover PE strip cost, but PE strip is optional and not all students take PE  • better to use for items that many students can use with legacy benefits rather than individual rebates  • Motion by J.T for the teachers/administrators to spend the money on what they see best.  • Amended by S. Edgett: PAC supports the purchase of instructional supplies; athletic equipment; or learning resources as prioritized by the finance committee  • Seconded by C. Stormont  • Amendment carried	G. Taylor Principal
	<ul> <li>Motion carried</li> <li>If parents have other suggestions for use of the grant, email to lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com and the suggestion will be forwarded</li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>to Mr. Taylor</li> <li>Principal Taylor will be away for a few weeks returning end of October.</li> </ul>	
7:30 pm	<ul> <li>Teachers' Report</li> <li>Mr. McKeen is a Social Studies Teacher as well as the department head of English Language</li> <li>Be patient as there are many new teachers this year</li> <li>New curriculum involves adjustments; resources not available</li> <li>Textbooks kept in classroom to allow access for all students</li> <li>Discussion about accessing online textbooks:         <ul> <li>Concern about learning effectiveness of online content</li> <li>Concern about commercial control of licenses and potential for technical problems</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	S. McKeen
8:00	Chair report (2016-2017 annual report) – see document "2016-2017 Report" under Current Agenda & Meeting Minutes on PAC website	P. Lee
8:05	Financial report  Gaming account current balance approx: \$4800  • Application for 2017-2018 gaming grant submitted in June 2017  • Summary report submitted September 2017  General Account current balance approx: \$9300  • These funds are from previous direct donation appeal in addition to the grocery card program	L. Wang
8:10 pm	DPAC Report  • DPAC has information at:  BCCPAC: http://bccpac.bc.ca/  Vancouver DPAC: http://vancouverdpac.org/	J. Puddifoot
8:20 pm	Election of PAC Steering Committee Treasurer: The following individuals were elected to the PAC Steering Committee for 2017-2018:  • Chair: Peggy Lee • Vice Chair: Erin Davis • Treasurer: Zhan Yun Liu • Secretary: Raymond Nakamura • DPAC: Erin Bartlett (Past DPAC: John Puddifoot)	P. Lee
	Parents that volunteered to run the following programs:  • Grocery Card Program: Erin Davis, Claire Stormont, Sam White	

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	<ul> <li>Teacher appreciation lunch: Erin Davis</li> <li>Parent Education: Litsa Groumoutis</li> </ul>	
8:50 pm	Other Business	
	<ul> <li>Other projects will come up through the year requiring volunteers, including the staff appreciation lunch which was much appreciated by staff</li> <li>Recent immigrant from Norway says parents are much more involved. The schools have parent reps at each grade.</li> </ul>	
9:00 pm	Adjournment	

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