Lord Byng Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Minutes

Meeting Date: Sept 17, 2025
Time: 6:30pm – 8pm
Location: Byng Library
Chair: Jacqueline Crummey and May Lee, PAC Co-Chairs
Attendance: 50+

Description	Speaker
Welcome and Introductions ● Contact PAC / Stay in touch E-mail: lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com Byng PAC Website: https://www.lordbyngpac.com PAC Newsletter Sign Up http://eepurl.com/iyRCtI All Byng Parents WhatsApp Group https://chat.whatsapp.com/GV7pXm7C5aFLJYpeX5mERq?mode=ems_wa_t ● 2025-2026 Byng Administration: Krista Ediger - Principal Albert Mann - Vice-Principal Diane Phillips - Vice Principal Land Acknowledgement	Jacqueline Crummey, Co-Chair Krista Ediger, Principal Jacqueline Crummey, Co-Chair
Introduction of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) ● All Byng parents and guardians are members of the PAC ● Elected executive committee (PAC Exec) ● Work with families to address concerns that impact the whole school community 2024-2025 Byng Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Executive Co-Chairs Jacqueline Crummey & May Lee Vice Chair Qian Wang Treasurer Jerry Zhang Secretary Bilge Ataca MacDonald, Xuemin Lou DPAC Rep Cindy Groner Past Chair Michelle Tseng Members at Large: Karrie Bogart, Juli Carrillo, Sara Gillingham, Jessica Huang, Claudette Lauzon, Nora Ng, Charissa Patricelli, Michael Steven, Ning Sun, Michelle Tseng, Jenny Xu	Jacqueline Crummey, Co-Chair

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PAC: Collective voice of parents ● All Byng parents and guardians are members of the PAC ● Elected executive committee (PAC Exec) ● Work with families to address concerns that impact the whole school community PAC: Supports Byng families ● Host regular PAC meetings for parents ● Provide updates on the PAC website ● Host special education speakers (e.g. Vaping, Local Industry Professionals) ● Host walks, coffee time, and teacher appreciation lunch in June ● Share updates from the VSB and participate in DPAC (District PAC for the VSB) ● Support Grad Committee for graduation events ● Support Byng Arts families PAC: Supports the school ● Support parent information evenings such as course planning, capstone, and grade 12 post-secondary evenings ● Fundraise to enhance our school ● Apply for and administer the BC Gaming Grant	Jacqueline Crummey, Co-Chair

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Principal's Update ● New Staff - Welcome Troy Collins — Science and Resource Krista Ediger — Principal Heather Froste — Indigenous Education Teacher (Fridays) Albert Mann — Vice Principal Marissa Serafini — English Andrea Webster — Art Elizabeth Weiler — English and Resource Gamze Cankal Cetmili — Math Hannah Wu — English Claudine Davies/Mary Smith — Counselling Jeff Christensen — English Serena Lee — Art ● When people are curious about something, they learn more, and they learn it better**.** The importance of raising curiosity in teenager education, how to engage teenagers' attention. Increasing curiosity by encouraging open-mindedness in the classroom. At home, as parents we can ask our children what they were curious about at school.	Krista Ediger, Principal
PAC Update: 2024-2025 Overview ● Parent community: Wednesday walks, Coffee Time ● Events: Newcomer's Welcome Event Winter Fair Lunar New Year Festival Teacher Appreciation Lunch Lord Byng 100th Celebration Community Brunch Goodbye Event for Principal Wilman	May Lee, Co-Chair Michelle Tseng, past Chair
PAC Financials (2024-2025) ● Gaming Grant (PAC Vancity Account)-non-curricular funding: $25,585 ● Direct Appeal (VSB PAC Account)-curricular funding: $20,155	

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• PAC Vancity general account starting balance Sept 2025: $4,675 • PAC Vancity grad account starting balance Sept 2025: $1,809	Jacqueline Crummey, Co-Chair
Wednesday Walks- Nora Ng	Cindy Groner, DPAC Rep
District PAC (DPAC) • DPAC GENERAL MEETINGS: meetings are open to all parents to attend. Be informed & get involved to help support our schools and kids! Website: https://www.vancouverdpac.org/ • All parents and caregivers of public school students in Vancouver are welcome to join or start a WORKING GROUP, it's a great way stay informed about what is happening in our district as a whole. Some examples of current DPAC groups: *Active Transportation Safe Routes *Food Framework *Health & Safety *Inclusive Education Working Group Upcoming: Sept 25th at 7pm-8pm via Zoom Register in advance at: https://222.vancouverdpac.org@calendar	Danielle South
Grad Committee Update Grad Committee handover meeting on Sep 16. • went over grad details from last year • assigned committee roles (chairs, treasurer, communications, fundraising & decor committee). Co-chairs for 2026 Grad Committee: • Carmen Cho • Angie Bhandal • Danielle South Anyone interested in, especially with future fundraising, please email bynggradcommittee2026@gmail.com	Jacqueline Crummey, Co-Chair
October 2025 Annual Election • Chair or Co-Chair: Organize and attend meetings, read & understand bylaws, liaise with administration; consult parents, signing officer • Vice Chair: Assist Chair, signing officer • Treasurer: Oversee PAC accounts, receive funds, deposit funds; reconcile accounts, annual report, submit gaming grant and reports • Secretary: Take minutes at meetings, organize PAC communications and records • DPAC rep: Attend DPAC (District PAC) meetings • *Members at large: Join subcommittees • Byng Arts-Byng Arts specific engagement and support • Safety-Keep track of safety-related issues around Byng	

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● Equity & Diversity-Forum for discussing equity and diversity at Byng ● Fundraising and Events-Help run fundraising and school events ● ❖ Any Byng parent/guardian can run for these positions ❖ Experience on previous PAC helps but not necessary ❖ Attend meetings, regular communication in English ❖ Please see PAC website for more details	Jacqueline Crummey, Co-Chair
2025-2026 PAC Meetings Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm (zoom or in-person, TBA) ● Sept 17 ● Oct 15 ● Nov 19 ● Jan 21 ● Feb 25 ● Apr 15 (in person, a venue outside school) ● May 20	Jacqueline Crummey, Co-Chair
Byng & PAC Upcoming Events ● Sept 21-Oct 15: Grad Photos ● Sept 29: Grade 12 Parent Info Night: Graduation and beyond; 7pm (auditorium) ● Sept 30: Truth & Reconciliation Day, no school ● Oct 3: Byng Bands concert, 6:30 pm (auditorium) ● Oct 8-9: Grade 8 camp, Camp Stillwood ● Oct 15: Byng PAC meeting (AGM, elections, finances) Next PAC meeting is on Oct. 15th. Meeting Adjourned.	