



MINUTES
December 12, 2012
School Board Office

Chair: Stephanie Longstaff, SPEAC President
Minutes: Michelle Winsor, SPEAC Secretary

	Motions	Action
1. Meeting Called to order 7:05pm Let the record show that there is quorum present.		
2. Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenda Kent-Farm to School-help organize and set up of programs in schools-the program started in 2007 as a 'salad bar' program to help kids learn about local and healthy foods-the goal is to support local farms, a healthy environment for students, to improve student nutrition and to increase student learning of where the food comes from-the program has many different approaches that can be incorporated into schools-program information on SPEAC website 		
3. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: nothing (Colwood/ Journey) 	Carried	
4. Approval of Month Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections: nothing (Dunsmuir/Journey) 	Carried	
5. Business Arising/Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. District Resource Library-Anna B.-Anna tested out the availability of our District Resource Center-Anna was very pleased with the ease of the process 		
6. Delegate Reports: Superintendent –Jim Cambridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry will be at Belmont to sign financial agreement on December 18 for our new schools-District has already sent off Request for Qualifications and has 3 companies applying for the bids to build schools-Glen Lake site will be the first school built and Royal will be delayed slightly, but both schools will open at the same time • the District is having many administration changes over the next few weeks- 4 retirements happening and 2 resignations creating 12 positional changes within the district Question -parking out front of SBO, can we change the signage to allow us to park on the median- Answer :call ahead and SBO can make allowances for parking there		

<p>Question: have schools been notified of changes to contracts and how do they obtain containers for new recyclable products- Answer: yes schools are aware and no response as to where containers will come from</p> <p>Question-with so many retirements happening, can district help buffer the effect of so many changes to the students Answer:District doesn't have control over when someone wants to retire or resign, but could encourage teachers and persons to do it at the end of the year instead of half-way through the year</p> <p>STA-Patrick Henry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers are more positive about changes within the district- those who are moving will already have networks with in their new areas • Teachers are trying to push the awareness of child poverty in our province to the Provincial Government-teachers are gathering signatures to hand to our MLAs to bring the attention to our local government-teachers are focusing on teaching the students about diversity within our schools • Our province has the highest amount of students per educators at 16.6 %-the national average is 14% • Patrick handed out the funding document sent out by province <p>SPVP-Paul Block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to remind parents of secondary students that there are scholarships available from SPVP and STA for the students graduating this year • Question: is there a resource available for parents to know what scholarships are out there for graduating students Answer: Secondary School Counselors are the resource you need to tap <p>8. Treasurer's Report-Georgina Tran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 schools have booked Darren Laur for a presentation- must fill out SPEAC paper work in order to receive payment from SPEAC District 62 gave SPEAC \$2000.00 towards VIPC- Thank-you to them - SPEAC has given \$1000.00 towards VIPC 		
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<p>9. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCCPAC Letter- Motion to send letter as presented without attaching resolutions (Sooke/Dunsmuir) • Vending Machines-the money coming from vending machines is considered non-public funding money-a policy exists that the school district must audit these funds-District will be starting to audit these monies starting this year • School Food Guide-schools have not been allowed to have artificial sweetened foods in the school • Student Release Drills-letter to District to ask for more schools to participate in drills • School Calendar-has direction and is moving forward • Food Safe-January 19, 2013 • SPC Dinner -event scheduled for Feb 21, 2012 • VIPC-registration is going well, get the word out 	Carried	Stephanie L.
<p>10. Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Emergency Prep-handed out the last notes from the committee-maybe form a new committee with a new focus and build on already existing information – Lisa Nilsson from Sooke Elementary has stepped up to chair the new committee Motion that we accept the recommendations from the emergency preparedness committee (Colwood/Journey) b. Lice Committee-the committee is working on the parent pamphlets next c. Calendar Committee-details in Presidents report <p>11. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Food Safe Subsidy- Motion that SPEAC will subsidize any school volunteer to attend the food safe course on Jan 19, 2013 to a maximum of 30 people. Those attending will have to pay \$12.00 for the course book. (Sooke/Sangster) b. Volunteer Policy Revisions-draft policy was handed out-Stephanie discussed changes made to the policy-it will be going to board 	Carried	
<p>Next meeting will be held at School Board Office January 16, 2013</p>		
<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm</p>	Carried	

(Sooke/Happy Valley)		
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