



MINUTES
February 15, 2012
Savory Elementary

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

	Motions	Action
1. Meeting Called to order 7:04pm Let the record show that there is quorum present.		
2. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: correction – change approval of minutes from Sept meeting to January meeting (Sooke/Savory) 	Carried	
3.Approval of Month Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections: Steve’s comment missing dedication to the kids (Sooke/ Dunsmuir) 	Carried	
4. Presentation: no presentation		
5. Business Arising/Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft Policy for volunteers-approved at board meeting-the policy has been passed as written and can be revised at any time-will present something later when all persons has been talked to b. Food Safe for parents-has started in making contacts and will be running program in Fall (September) c. Camosun course for running effective meetings-was discussed and feel that 6 hours is too long for a meeting on this subject-suggestion made was that a few attend and teach others or be a resource through the year- SPEAC would pay for those persons to attend-other companies do offer the course, could look into that- Motion-SPEAC to pay for two people to attend the March session of running effective meetings at Camosun with the expectation of sharing the information with SPEAC (Sooke/Ruth King) d. Classroom Support Fund-came out last meeting-could SPEAC support this fund?-Bill 33 letter read by Stephanie L.- Special needs children shouldn’t be treated differently in the fact that there is a limit of special needs children in one class – SPEAC doesn’t object-suggestion of John coming to SPEAC to discuss the issue 	Carried	

6. Delegate Reports:

Asst. Superintendent-Ron Warder

- **Registration** – at least 150 more students to be added to the district-in two years, district will grow-Budget is being worked on as there has been some growth in the Budget-budget meeting dates to follow-getting ready to have more staff in schools – French immersion
- **Nature Kindergarten** is looking for one more girl to register at Sangster Elementary
- **High Schools**-meetings happening all of the time – 3 years will go by fast- Feb 22, 2012 at Spencer at 7pm first consultation

Parent Concern - Crystal View, is it still a fine arts school? -it still is a fine arts school just not with provincial registration – no students coming from out of catchment as school is growing

Trustee-Denise Riley

- **High schools**-not official, but rumor is they will be opening 2015 for both schools- focus groups open to parents and focus groups Feb 22, 2012 at Spencer March 8 & 14-no locations yet times 7pm-9pm- March 28 &29 for broader public opinions- location to be decided-May 23 &24 last dates for consultation
- **Budget Process** -Feb 21 6:30pm at SBO Boardroom transportation review to start, 7:30pm – the whole Budget Presentation
- **Emergency Preparedness Policy** – learned protocols this will be going to Education committee – will go through review process
- **Two Week Spring Break** to be discussed
- **Letters to Board from SPEAC**-letters were brought forward and the board discussed how to facilitate the information back to SPEAC- meeting with SPEAC Pres and board chair to see if it will go forward to the Transportation meeting

<p>STA – Patrick Henry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Fact Finder set to find a way to get negotiations moving between the Minister and Teachers -Feb 23, 2012 is the date a response is going to be made by government –ten years ago 25% was spent on education and now 15% is being spent-teachers are fighting for funding, not wages-1998, last local negotiation, class size and composition was the big issue, improvements to personal development was wanted, this was given up, -2002-these items that were given in 1998 were taken out in 2002, the teachers want it back <p>Parent Concern-Grades for Grade 12 students that are not graduating in Jan but June, will they still get their grades and where are they being kept? –BcEsis has all grades as they should be entered by teacher right away, go to teacher and ask for them</p> <p>SPVP-Paul Block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transitions of Principals and Vice Principals-Sooke district will be seeing a massive retirement among its Principals and how do parents make the connection with new Principal – maybe invite person to PAC meeting for introductions, PAC exec could communicate with old Principal to pass on to new Principal <p>Parent Concern –why do Parents not have a say who the new Principal will be for their school?-SPVP are directed to where they would go, best to discuss with Superintendent –the school atmosphere is taken in consideration, and the best fit will be placed Why isn't there more parent involvement in the process?-Principals are evaluated in their second year-interviews with parents are used quite often – may need more in the future Why do Principals get shifted when all is going well?-circumstances do occur in the district that parents wouldn't know about, principals intentions for the next year, for their own development, etc.</p> <p>CUPE-Steve McDowell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested correction to last minutes for what he had said at last meeting <p>Student-Ravi Parmar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling – Belmont has no more garbage cans-recycle and composting bins now instead-Pacific Mobile Depot record amounts for recycle in Jan and Feb – Ravi hasn't had issues with getting his marks etc. 		
<p>7. Correspondence – no correspondence</p>		

8. Treasurer's Report –reported by email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaming balance: \$1,264.17 • General Account: \$12,811.57 		
9. President's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sum up – 28 hours of meetings at Board Office for Budget Meetings 		
10. Executive Reports VIPC – Stuart Shanker - If you weren't there in the morning session, then you weren't able to follow him in the afternoon session-the power point for this presentation is in the flashdrive Dr. Brokenleg was fantastic- One parent felt that the overriding theme from Conference was how teachers saw parents views and the needs of the children were identified.		
11. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Policy 129-Healthy Foods in School- Swati S. – one policy (June 2009 date of policy), one administrative regulation (promoting health in school) -Where are these policies kept? Province handing out Public Health Mandate – Schools are struggling with food, regulations are there for what foods are available in school-are PACs paying attention to what foods <u>were</u> <u>are</u> selling for fundraising and hot lunches? Not all schools may not be following regulations-should be some consistency between schools concerning hot lunch, cafeteria foods b. Speaker for next year – David Bouchard-hoping to get someone to take this on and get him to give a presentation – possible dinner gathering and then have him speak afterwards-may be around \$1500-\$2000 for the event c. Newsletter from SPEAC-need someone to do it-Crystal Andrews will take over for Kelly Dvorak d. Fundraiser for music in Schools-Marian Schols wants to run fundraiser in the district to raise money to be able to hire a teacher to address the lack of music in our schools – she and her partner would put on performances and ask for donations to raise these funds – would like the teacher to focus on schools who doesn't have many music options already present in the school-Stephanie L. suggests that Marian talk to Dave Betts to find out how this system could work within the district and also talk to Patrick Henry 		
Next meeting will be held at John Muir at 7pm		
12. Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm <div style="text-align: right;">(Savory/Sooke)</div>	Carried	

