



MINUTES
October 16, 2013
Edward Milne Community School

Chair: Michelle Winsor, on behalf of SPEAC President
Minutes: Yvonne Sundby, SPEAC Secretary

	Action
1. Meeting Called to order 7:01 Let the record show that there is quorum present.	
2. Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMCS principal & some students gave a presentation of what they do at the school. The typical sports, clubs, and departments much like other schools. • Reopened a previously locked off deck. It is well received. • For Cops for Cancer fundraiser the kids rode their bikes around the lower “Common’s Area”. • As part of Giving Back – the students give socks to those who need them in their community as well as filling them with basic toiletries and hand them out. • The school installed water stations. To date 12, 000 water bottles have been saved from the landfill. 	
3. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: no additions (Sooke/Wishart) 	
4. Approval of Month Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections: no corrections (EMCS/Journey) 	
5. Business Arising/Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Advisory Committee - Stephen A. meeting with David Strange. Will report more after this meeting. Stephen also explained what the goal of the committee is to those who were new to the group. • Food Safe – Stephanie P. Sends apologies of not having more information. Bev has been contacted. Steph to report information. Course will be held 30th November 2013 at WSLC <p>Motion: To fund the parent Food Safe education at a 50/50 split with SD62 schools who register participants with WSLC, and confirm their registration to SPEAC via email, up to a maximum of \$450.00 cost to SPEAC. Steph P would like to suggest an amendment to \$600.</p>	Carried

(Steph P/Michelle W)

6. Delegate Reports:

Asst. Superintendent – Roberta Kubik

- District Visioning – what the district will look like. A consultant is working with partner groups to hear their voices – Parents will be involved in the process which is estimated to take a year.
- New schools - Royal Bay High School – Ground breaking has happened.
- School Planning Council - Event being held on November 27 @ Belmont-Time to be announced
- Fall gathering – great food, great speakers, and entertainment.
- Trustees Island Conference - Ecole Poirier hosted the event.

Trustee- Neil Poirier

- Port Renfrew - gathering for the Aboriginal Education Agreement
- Communications – Medial in a Digital World

STA –Paul Waterlander -

- Friday October 18, 2013 bargaining begins again w/Gov. BC. Government wants to implement a 10 year deal, were as STA does not. Christy Clarke is hopeful of where she wants to take public education.
- Court only took 19 days of hearing both sides re: CUPE being stripped of contract; Deliberation could take 3-4 months for a ruling. CUPE feels proceedings went well.
- Government decides class size and how much money each district receives.
- Union is going with idea subjects vs teacher's qualifications/seniority to shift into new schools.

Q: Where will funding for teachers come from for the new schools?

A. Hiring of teachers who were laid off due to cutbacks is taken from District funds. But, will not come from School funding.

CUPE - Steve McDowell

- working on local portion of CUPE deal.
- **Millstream fire in October-** parents felt evacuation was successful, however, wanted to know why they were taken to the Legion? Children weren't allowed to bring lunch kits and food wasn't available for the children
- All projects in the district are on time except for Electrical due to there only being four electricians
- **Buses:** Approximately 1/3 of the kids at the beginning of the year just show up at bus stops - causing problems because they aren't on our lists.
- We've accommodated them by adding more buses.
- When we have a definite number of students, the route numbers will change.

Q: Could bus pass registration be done differently, say in September to accommodate the influx of kids?

A. Steve stated that March is when they ask for students to register for the next school year so they know how many drivers they'll need.

Q. Could a box be added to school Registration forms?

A. He would see if bus pass registration could be changed to September, and have a box added to the registration forms.

Q: Bus pass registration information is confusing online, could it be worded differently, and state that payments aren't due until September?

A: Steve will look into the rewording and make sure the payment information is updated.

7. Correspondence – none to report

8. Treasurer's Report –Teresa M. -

- **General balance: \$ 5, 847.81**
- **Gaming Account: \$323.88**
- received gaming monies but it's not reflected in account balances

9. President's Report

- District recycling and “green” policy. Looking into what Waste containers are needed for each school – District is getting new contract information to the schools - Could take about a year to get the ball rolling. – could base models on existing programs on the island
- Thought Stream – stats, interesting process, committee will compile the information and then we will go over it.
- welcome Yvonne S new interim secretary
- Healthy schools committee - see report below in Committees
- 2014 – Feb 1 - VIPC

10. Committee Report

Healthy Schools Committee- Rosana Pallot

- Health study McCreary test results that was taken in the Spring 2013.
- Restitution: learning the new language our schools are teaching the kids.
- Sex health – district committee will meet on 28th of October. Contact Cindy A. if interested in attending
- Cindy is also looking for input from parents. She would like to know what issue's parents would like to discuss, or have parent education nights. Some topic's would include how to talk to our children about Sexual Health and possibly reviewing the lunch time habits for the children within the school.
- UBC promoting health awareness – Dr. Gordon Celth, Stan Coucher treated after diagnosis at the Summer Institute. Number's to go and see the speaker? Take on a position on the committee.

11. New Business

- a. **BCCPAC Fall Conference** - has guest speakers such as Barbara Coloroso- Cost: \$350 each person to fly to Kelowna, \$200 fee for conference, and \$ 400 hotel all x4.

Motion: to send up to 4 parents to BCCPAC from November

<p>15-17, 2013</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Journey/2nd Belmont)</p> <p>b. Liisa Nilsson: Emergency Preparedness-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Shake Out - Province wide event - 17th of October 17, 2013 • Emergency Prep Committee - meeting Tuesday November 5, 2013 @ SD62 other meeting dates will be determined at that meeting. –goal of committee is to have a list of what each school should have in their emergency containers. • Field Trip Policy-committee will investigate such things as if it is a school sanctioned event and other grey areas such as outside of school time sport events-previous policy was updated in 2008 and needs to be revisited <p>Motion: Forming committee to review the district field trip policy for regulations and report back to the next SPEAC meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Belmont/Willway)</p> <p>Action: Stephanie will distribute the latest policy.</p> <p>α. Darren Laur –teaches personal safety and is a Victoria Police Sgt.-Helps educate Parents on Internet Safety. – next presentation is November 4th, 2013, at Belmont at 6:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Carried</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carried</p>
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<p>Next meeting will be held at Belmont Secondary on November 20, 2013 at 7pm</p>		
<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Belmont/Willway)</p>		