

MINUTES School Board Office June 12, 2013

Chair: Dory Thuot, SPEAC President

Minutes: Michelle Winsor, SPEAC Secretary

	Motions	Action
1. Meeting Called to order 7:02pm		
Let the record show that there is quorum present.		
2. Presentation:		
• Tammy Jeskes-BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)/WIFI		
Radiation- has homeschooled her child this past year due to		
his sensitivity of WIFI radiation within his school-commercial		
wireless systems in school were placed within school putting		
children into close range of these systems-evidence is coming		
forward that wireless radiation is linked to tumor growth in		
humans-parents weren't consulted before the systems were		
placed in schools and that is a concern for those who have		
children with sensitivities-belief is that installation of these		
systems is contrary to health initiatives that the province and health institutions have put forth-many issues of having a		
Bring Your Own Device policy in the school could create		
issues such as equality if one can't afford such devices,		
personal information issues, cyber bullying, restricted content,		
and theft-made us aware of different devices that put out more		
radiation		
3. Approval of the Agenda	Carried	
• Additions: (Belmont/Journey)		
4. Approval of Month Minutes	Carried	
• Corrections: (Sooke/Journey)		
5. Business Arising/Old Business		
a. School Recycling-letter update-Dory read letter out to group		
which asks District what is the goal of getting the District to a		
garbage free environment		
b. SPC Event- was combined with teachers enquiry-great event		
with talking to teachers and parents alike		



6. Delegate Reports

Superintendent – Jim Cambridge

 Showed video of the new Belmont High School proposal-Belmont is being focused on as it is a more difficult build-things are still on track for both schools

Question- concerns about wireless within the new school-the school will be wireless, but whether it can be turned on or off is unknown

Question-Accessibility for children with special needs- all areas will be accessible

Trustee- Dianna Seaton

- The naming of the new school at Royal Bay will be Royal Bay Secondary
- The Board has asked Aboriginal Education Council to put forth a name for the theatre at Royal Bay Secondary
- Thank-you's to parents for everything they do in the school District

SPVP-Paul Block

- Wishes us well with our new positions in SPEAC and thank-yous to parents
- Announced there will be a new executive for SPVP and someone else will be attending meetings next year

CUPE-Steve McDowell

- Bussing and EA sectors are very busy with transitions happening
- Steve will be retiring from Bussing, but staying as liaison between SPEAC and CUPE

7. Correspondence –

 Recycling letter-reported on in Business Arising and carried over to Correspondence

Motion: Journey approves to send the letter to district as presented

Carried

Dory T.

8. Treasurer's Report

General balance: \$7564.44Gaming Account:\$1288.70

Gaming money has been applied for-application for PAC's and DPAC's is all on line. –no paper copies

• BCCPAC has been sent off



9. President's Report-Dory Thuot	
 SPEAC Retreat-the goals of the executive meeting has 	
changed- SPEAC reps from each school are invited to	
the executive meeting now on June 15, 2013- 8:30am	
at Floyd's Diner for Breakfast, the meeting starts at	
10am at the church in Hatley Park Memorial, followed	
by lunch	
Motion: Belmont puts forward that SPEAC pays for the meals	Carried
before and after the meeting on June 15, 2013	
(Belmont/Sooke)	
(Demining Stone)	
10. Committee Report	
a. Volunteer Policy-update-Steph L. will be meeting with	
Roberta this week to go over policy-question went out on how often	
should Criminal Record Checks be done for volunteers at schools, a	
show of hands went for two years-information came forth that	
Vulnerable Sector checks need to be done every year when working	
with children	
b. Healthy Schools Committee- a conference at UBC	
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coming up in August. SPEAC is interested in sending two parents to this conference	
Motion: that SPEAC spend up to \$600.00 to send two parents to	
the Promoting Mental Health in BC Schools Conference for	Camial
August 22-23, 2013. (Sooke/Wishart)	Carried
11. New Business	
a. SPEAC Exec retreat and planning-June 15, 2013-discussed	
above in Correspondence	
Next meeting will be held at School Board Office on Sent 19, 2013	Carried
Next meeting will be held at School Board Office on Sept 18, 2013	Carrieu
At 7pm	
Mosting adjourned at 8:40	Carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm	Carrieu