



MINUTES
March 14, 2012
John Muir Elementary

Chair: Stephanie Longstaff, 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bird- Classroom support fund Bill 22- Victoria and Sooke DPAC have a great working relationship-John has over 20 years of experience in the school system-information about Bill 22 is on BCCPAC website- when schools needs became greater, the government asked schools to come up with a solution, when schools thought it was the governments job to come up with solution- schools need to show the government the needs to the government and work together with that information • The heart of the classroom support fund is: collaboration at school level, advocacy from real information of the schools needs, then having the opportunity of taking this away from the political arena and keep it in the classroom • Jim Alkin-New School consultation process-Ron Warder speaking for Jim- handed out some documents for timelines, FAQ also available on Webpage-parent information nights this month- looking for services that could go into the new schools 		
3. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: no additions (Sooke/Dunsmuir) 	Carried	
4. Approval of February Minutes As amended (Sooke/Journey)	Carried	
5. Business Arising/Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft Policy for Volunteers- needs help from someone to sit down and get next draft of letter from SPEAC Caryn, Rossana and Crystal to help b. Healthy Foods Policy B129-looked at policies pertaining to what foods are being sold in schools- how is District going to proceed and keep tabs on PACs decisions of what foods are being served in the schools- Ron Warder- policies get stale and things have changed since the policy was created-maybe move to a curriculum base instead of a volunteer base policy- 		

province are changing guidelines to make them user friendly, draft may be ready by April and issued by September- Policy will be enforced at that time-

6. Delegate Reports:

Assistant Superintendent – Ron Warder

- The district and the teachers have found a comfortable working relationship when dealing with the labour relations within the district - Province keeps saying that funding is coming, but no information is being passed down to school districts and districts can't make budgets until the information is received.
- New Schools- consultation process for community March 28, 29, and 31 at Belmont School in the North Gym.
- School Calendar- calendar has been proposed but has to go to the Board of Trustees
 Question-When is Sooke going to have a two week Spring Break? Board has to pass the calendar by May(?). It will be decided at some point by Board of Education

Trustee – Bob Phillips

- reminisced about the first time coming John Muir
- Board sent letter to Minister Abbott asking for an independent arbitrator for labour dispute between teachers and province
- Book Review-Dictionary additions of modern words and removal of traditional words

SVPV Paul Block

- **New Schools-** we may be getting two new schools, but there are 4 high schools in our district-ideas are coming in on how to allow the students to participate in all schools
- **Relationships-**thanks to all partner groups for support in the current dispute- not many areas in the province are receiving this same support
- **Hiring Process of Principal and Vice Principals-** a call is put out nationwide to see who wants the position – looking for experience, excellent teaching skills, must have a masters degree, must have a positive relationship with school, parents and community,-then applicant goes through panel process-then onto the 'pool' until placement into school is made

<p>STA-Patrick Henry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The media is definitely showing that they are not favourable to the teachers sides- thanks John Bird for raising up the issues that the teachers are fighting for- in 2002 so much was lost from the previous negotiations –Bill 22 was created and Teachers are not pleased with this and fighting to reform the Bill. -BCTF’s AGM is next month – has letter from teachers point of view and it will be available electronically <p>CUPE- Jan Peever</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CUPE’s position with this dispute was difficult but they had to cross the picket line and were treated with respect from teachers –CUPE sent members and stood with the teachers at the Legislature on Tuesday –the new money coming in from province will be to give EA’s prep time, which they don’t have currently <p>Student- Not in attendance</p>		
<p>7. Correspondence –</p> <p>a. STA-protocol-Rules were laid out a few years ago about how information from how messages were to be sent home from provincial groups and this wasn’t followed. Patrick Henry sent letter to SPEAC apologizing for actions taken earlier negating this process</p>		
<p>8. Treasurer’s Report –no report</p> <p>9. President’s Report-Stephanie L.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation meeting was held and the information for the amount of money spent on field trips, etc. was sent to the schools –Next meeting March 27, 2012 at SBO starting 7pm Emergency Preparedness- Jeff and group are going ahead-good things happening -next meeting April 3, 2012 Superintendent met with Stephanie, Georgina, Caryn, Swati and discussed legislation, that came out that day (Bill 22) and healthy foods in schools New schools consultation-spread the word and get people attending these meetings Speakers for VIPC for Feb 23, 2013-ideas for speakers needed- email Stephanie with suggestions 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday March 16, 2012 Bus Driver Appreciation Day-reminded parents to get their children to thank their drivers every day • Motion: Stephanie L. will send a letter to BCCPAC that they send out resolutions earlier so DPACs and PACs could discuss them and make decisions in a timely manner. <p style="text-align: right;">(John Stubbs/Ruth King)</p>	Carried	
<p>10. Executive Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 		
<p>11. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CSH-Comprehensive School Health Committee-need to get a committee started –Swatti Scott, Melanie Norris (Poirier), Crystal Andrews (Sooke), Caryn Drabbitt, Carrol Peterson are willing to serve on committee –this committee will meet and then come to the Board with its suggestions- Parent suggestion that the committee should look at this information from the point of view from all levels, elementary to High school – Question- will members of committee be bringing opinions from their PACS or will it be their own opinions both opinions should be presented b. Speaker next year-David Bouchard-need people to discuss how to get David Bouchard to speak to the Elementary Schools, maybe Middle Schools-Rosanna Pallot c. Newsletter items-Treasurer for next year needed, Volunteers to get David Bouchard here, Comprehensive School Health Committee, Emerg Prep Vision, Darren Laur, Dyslexia Meeting March 31, 2012 d. Survey question-one question suggested is ‘What is your PAC spending their money on? Are we agreed on that question? Yes was the response – should be two different questions what are you spending money on and what would you like to spend it on – John Bird would like to collaborate on this question and send it out to Victoria District Parents -Another question is why do you come to meetings or why don’t you go to meetings Another suggestion is to discuss the Healthy Foods in Schools e. School Calendar- Stephanie would like to see Spring Break moved to meet Easter –email Stephanie with thoughts 		
<p>12. Next meeting is at Metchosin Technical School at 7pm</p>		
<p>13.Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Dunsmuir/Sooke)</p>	Carried	

