

MINUTES School Board Office March 13, 2013

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. Presentation: Cindy Andrew-School Health		
Had a picture showing children from Nature Kindergarten and		
spoke about how things such as having a healthy		
environment, either inside the classroom or out, a healthy		
community, and being active are important factors of better		
learning for children.		
3. Approval of the Agenda	Carried	
• Additions: <u>Correspondence</u> -Green Thumb Theatre –		
New Business-Barb CPay It Forward Concert		
(Pacific Secondary/Hans Helgensen)		
4. Approval of Month Minutes	Carried	
• Corrections: none (Colwood/Journey)		
5. Business Arising/Old Business		
a. BCCPAC Resolutions- submitted-3 resolutions were sent		
1. Health Authority supporting Volunteers doing lice check		
2.outdoor school-have more outdoor schools in our district		
3. travel subsidy so that two persons could apply for subsidy		
instead of one while travelling to BCCPAC AGM		
6. Delegate Reports:		
Superintendent – Jim Cambridge		
Congrats for VIPC on success of conference		
New Schools-Board approved three companies to do the		
design of the Royal Bay School-the designs from these		
companies will be presented to the Board and one design		
will be chosen-Glen Lake is being taken down now, will		
be down by the beginning of April The process for persons the Poyel Poy School has		
The process for naming the Royal Bay School has started. The board voted and approved that the school at		
started- The board voted and approved that the school at Glen Lake will be named Belmont		
 Concerning the budget, District is expecting to hear from the government about upcoming years monies- not 		
expecting much change in the numbers		
 Principal/Vice Principal interviews have been happening 		
for the past two days-Board approved number of Vice		
Principals pool		
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- Skill Canada Competition-Belmont students did very well
- Sexual Diversity Committee- puts policy in place to protect students from personal attacks based on sexual diversity-the group is working on how to get the information out to the district

Question- At what level does this conversation come up in schools? **Answers**- Staff in our district will be doing the training first to learn appropriate sexual diversity language and actions – teaching of students does occur in the classrooms in small amounts **Question**-what is enrollment looking like for next year? Projecting for 94 new students-mostly in elementary-Happy Valley enrollment is increasing due to new construction, but there is no more room for

students-Districts 10 year plan is to build new elementary schools

Trustee- Rob Brown

• Excited about the progress of the new high schools

STA-Patrick Henry

- Wanted to add that the issue of Sexual Diversity has to be approached very gently in the classroom setting as there could be a challenge for the students at home
- Wanted to draw our attention to how there is only so many teaching minutes in the day so when new great ideas such as music relief are introduced to schools, it replaces another program
- The proposed calendar looks great but a few changes had to be made to accommodate Provincial Exams
- Top Chef for Canada- a former Edward Milne Student
- Ryder Hjadsell- first Canadian to win Athlete of the Year

SPVP-Paul Block

- Thank-you to SPEAC and the parents for their impact in the schools while working along with staff
- Proud of the athletes within our district and how well they are doing
- The reality of teaching Sexual Diversity and Bullying are being addressed, but need to be done slowly
- the process of transitions from grade to grade or from school to school being extended over a few months instead of one day-transitions are running very smoothly

7. Correspondence –

- BCCPAC AGM and Conference- May 4, 2013-at Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel
- Green Thumb Theatre-2013/2014 Season-these are productions meant for a student audience and prices are reasonable

8. Treasurer's Report

- General balance: \$9,395.15
- Gaming Account: \$2,357.69
- Money from district for each student and SPC went into the account –all monies for VIPC is paid – Foodsafe course from gaming was \$475.00
- Darren Laur- Millstream- April 15, David Cameron April 22, Metchosin Technical April 23, Colwood May 28
- BCCPAC conference and AGM-we do need to send a representative as we submitted resolutions

Motion- Sooke motions to spend a maximum of \$2000.00 towards the sending of parents to the BCCPAC Conference and AGM in May (Sooke/Happy Valley)

Carried

9. President's Report

- Student Release Drill has been adopted into the Emergency Preparedness Policy-now every school must do one student release drill every year
- School Planning Council Event will be in May sometime

10. Committee Report

a. Calendar Committee-update-meeting was changed and will meet in April- the proposed calendar from District has gone out-changes will be made before it will be approved on March 25, 2013- any parent input has to be in to the District by March 22, 2013

11. New Business

- **a. School Calendar-**Future Years-SPEAC would like the District to submit two years of calendars to the Board of Trustees as with the new schools opening that year it would be less work for the District if it were already done
- **b. Barb C.- Tenneal- Play it Forward-Concert-** for grades 4-9-the focus of the music is leadership qualities in students http://tenille.ca/playitforward/schoolinformationguidebooklet.zip

Next meeting will be held at Wishart Elementary at 7pm on April 17,2013

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

(Happy Valley/Sooke)

Carried

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