



**MINUTES**  
**November 20, 2012**  
**David Cameron Elementary**

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

	<b>Motions</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Meeting Called to order at 7:04pm</b> <b>Let the record show that there is quorum present.</b>		
<b>2. Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dana Waite-Children’s Publication</b>-handed out a printed copy of ‘Paper Mache’-this newspaper is filled entirely with student articles and artwork-all submissions get sent to the SBO through the school mail –issues are available on the website- Dana is available to speak to schools-schools are in charge of how it is distributed to students</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Approval of the Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions: nothing <span style="float: right;"><b>(Hans Helgensen/Sangster)</b></span></li> </ul>	<b>Carried</b>	
<b>4. Approval of Month Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrections: gaming totals to general account balance <span style="float: right;"><b>(Poirier/Happy Valley)</b></span></li> </ul>	<b>Carried</b>	
<b>5. Business Arising/Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Agriculture in the Classroom-</b> a program to involve farming in schools (growing veggies and such)- grant available to schools to purchase items that will help in serving healthy foods -will be putting it to Decembers meeting</li> </ul>		
<b>6. Delegate Reports:</b> <b>Superintendent – Jim Cambridge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last week, the Minister of Education announced an anti-bully strategy –“ERASE Strategy”-this is a way to report bullying if children are not comfortable speaking to an adult-the site breaks down all of the information and will trigger an alert to the province and Safe Schools team-this webpage also contains resource materials for parents</li> <li>• Budget is fine so far-still waiting for some monies</li> <li>• LIFT Funding- Province gave money so they could hold meetings and find where support was needed-the process has been completed and decided that EA support was needed for schools-this gave EA extra time to their schedules</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill 33 has been replaced with Bill 22-this Bill is dealing with class sizes-teachers were putting into positions where they would have to decide the importance of their students levels of learning-schools worked hard to make sure no class was above 30 students per class-classes would have to have a minimum enrollment to keep running</li> <li>• EA Support in Schools-the district does have more EA support in our schools than the district ever has, but the concern is some problematic behavior for students between ages 5-7-District is still putting EA's into positions</li> <li>• New Schools-Request for Qualifications is going out tomorrow-hope to have it finished by Christmas- in the end, there will be 3 firms that will pitch their designs for the schools-there will be a community meeting by the end of January</li> <li>• Peagravel Maintenance-district has researched what is needed for playground coverings and there is a schedule in place to replace playground covering</li> </ul> <p><b>Question</b>-how will the dates of the community meetings be publicized –<b>Answer</b>-there has been a failure in that area, but district will make sure the next ones will be advertised properly</p> <p><b>Question</b>-what will the magic number be for class size next year as children have been affected by class size cap-<b>Answer</b>-many things are involved in making that decision-there are other options for children who may miss learning from this problem</p> <p><b>Question</b>-Bill 33 changed the amount of special needs children allowed into one class, but has the district put a cap amount on how many special needs students allowed in one class- <b>Answer</b>- if there are many students with needs in one grade level, then they will be split between available classes, but teaching and EA support will also be a part of the equation</p> <p><b>Question</b>-at the parent level, how can we get the support that teachers need- <b>Answer</b>-contact school and if need be have it escalated to District level</p> <p><b>Question</b>-is there a way to grade students that have not participated at a pre-school environment to know if they are ready for kindergarten- <b>Answer</b>- there are no qualifications necessary for children going into Kindergarten</p>		
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<p><b>9. President's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>BC Farm to School-</b> Brenda will be attending December meeting</li> <li>b. <b>New Executive Member-</b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP position filled by Dory Thuot</li> <li>c. <b>VIPC-</b>posters for parents to hand out</li> <li>d. <b>Student Release Drill-</b>Millstream held a release drill – problems they have learned from this drill have been discussed, district has no plan for any other schools to participate-the policy is still under construction to deal with what was found</li> <li>e. <b>Lice Procedures-</b>nothing to report</li> <li>f. <b>Recycling-</b>Fraser is the district contact that is in charge of recycling and has knowledge of the contracts</li> <li>g. <b>SPEAC webpage-</b>updated</li> <li>h. <b>Transportation Report-</b>Stephanie has a copy of the latest report</li> <li>i. <b>Healthy Foods in School Guidelines-</b> province has revised the guidelines-new information will be coming down to school level</li> <li>j. <b>District Resource center-</b>parents can borrow resources from the district resource center times available-Mon 1-4 Tues 230-4 wed 1-4 Thurs 130-4</li> <li>k. <b>Food Safe-</b>this is for parent volunteers volunteering in the school that require food safe-</li> <li>l. <b>Motion-</b> that SPEAC hold the Food Safe training on January 19, 2013 <span style="float: right;"><b>(Happy Valley/Hans Helgensen)</b></span></li> <li>m. <b>Volunteer Policy-</b>committee is about half way through the making of the policy-if someone would like to help, contact Stephanie L.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Carried</b></p>	
<p><b>11. Committee Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>School Calendar-</b>Stephanie L.-committee is looking to make changes to the school calendar-SPEAC is looking for parent input</li> <li>b. <b>Lice-</b> Stephanie L.-no new progress</li> <li>c. <b>Theatre Use-</b>Georgina T.-report is going to the Board for this month's meeting-issues are surrounding the future theatre, Isabelle Reader theatre and EMCS theatre for booking, rates, minimum requirements needed from each theatre, maintenance and safety for all locations</li> <li>d. <b>Emergency Prep-</b>this committee will report in December</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Next meeting will be held on December 12, 2012 at School Board Office</b></p>		
<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm</b></p>	<p><b>(Dunsmuir/Journey)</b></p>	<p><b>Carried</b></p>

