

MINUTES
Belmont Secondary 7pm
November 20, 2013

Chair: Dory Thuot, SPEAC President
Minutes: Yvonne Sundby, SPEAC Secretary

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1. Meeting Called to order – 7:05 pm		
2. Presentation: David Strange dstrange@sd62.bc.ca <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our district has implemented a new support system that integrates Kindergarten students with Special Needs into the school system. As a result, Kindie-Kits were designed to help children adapt by providing them with support tools. • Please email David Strange if you have any inquiries pertaining to special needs. • Q: Who is responsible for purchasing the specially needed equipment? • A: It is up to the school's Principals, PAC, and Parents to discuss who is responsible. 		
3. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: (Crystal View/Happy Valley) 	Carried	
4. Approval of October Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections: Stef P to Stephanie L re: Food Safe (Sooke/Belmont) 	Carried	
5. Business Arising/Old Business a). Food Safe – Stef P: to receive the discount please email stefparsons@gmail.com b) VIPC Conference- Stephanie L Motion to provide 2 tickets to Vancouver Island Parent Conference to each member Pac. (Belmont/Happy Valley) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPEAC has budgeted: \$4000 towards 2 tickets. • \$75 for Vancouver Island Pac Conference Registration www.vipc.ca Date: February 1, 2014. • SPEAC recommends PAC's to purchase more tickets. 	Carried	

<p>c) BCCPAC - Dory T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will present links to the Ministry of Education Plan. • BC districts are seeing different outcomes than we did 50 years ago, but are using similar methods and materials. • BCCPAC presented an idea: How to think, not what to think. • The new education plan will empower teachers. • Assessments and Report Cards maybe quite different under the new education plan. <p>6. Delegate Reports:</p> <p>Superintendent – none were at the meeting,</p> <p>Presentation - Ray Miller Principal of Belmont Secondary: Programs of Excellence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray would like to enhance the current programs of excellence to keep students from leaving our district for other districts. • Q: What kind of parent input does Belmont have in regards to curriculum? • A: Finding the right programs that kids are passionate about. • Comment: Advertising out of district (Google Search), some High Schools have information on their websites, whereas ours do not. <p>Trustee- Diana Seaton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked parents and stated how valued they are. • So many fantastic things going on in our schools. <p>STA- Paul Waterlander: pwaterlander@sd62.bc.ca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Education Plan discussed how it will impact teachers. Teachers are wondering if they have funding for new training tools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers continue their efforts to negotiate class size and contractual issues. • BC has the lowest student to teacher ratio in order to keep up with the rest of the country BC would have to hire 6,000 new teachers. 		
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<p>SPVP- Scott Manning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a past participant, Scott promoted the Pace Program. • District administration moves have occurred. • Scott referred to a previous comment regarding PACs fundraising for schools. His answer was that the work that PACs do is great, but PACs need to set the priorities • Report Cards will be coming home soon. Teachers would like to open the communication line between parents and teachers. <p>CUPE - Jan Peever – petpeeve@shaw.ca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All CUPE should attend staff meetings. Educational Assistance has been given 40 hours of administration time to discuss their needs; and a survey found they also were not paid for over 400 hours last year. • On November 22, the District Pro-D day we discussed bullying on the work site, including employee to students. • Mediation for a new contracts starts on Thursday November 21, 2013 as our current contract ends June 30, 2014. 		
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<p>7. Correspondence – Safe Arrival Letter –</p> <p>a) John Stubbs PAC are no longer supporting the Safe Arrival Program. There is concern for unmonitored Volunteers having student’s sensitive information. The District is not able to fund staffing for Volunteer Criminal Record Checks. It was suggested that we should move to discuss at a later date. SPEAC reps were asked to discuss with their PACs their Safe Arrival Programs.</p>		
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<p>b) Anaphylaxis Letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should children be able to carry their Epi-pens or should they be kept in the school's office. • Policy needs to be reviewed due to it not being revised since 2007. 		Stef P/ Dory T
<p>8. Treasurer's Report –Teresa M. -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the budget – (Belmont/Journey) • General Balance: • Gaming Account: 	Carried	
<p>9. President's Report – Dory T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria & Sooke DPAC are conducting a PAC spending review. • Working with District on "Green Plan". • Thoughts Stream – briefly reviewed results. • Welcome Yvonne Sundby as new Secretary 		
<p>10. Committee Report</p> <p>a) Healthy Schools Committee - Cindy A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Safe Update – Stef P reported Registration is still open. • Parent Education- List of sessions was presented. Members are encouraged to solicit input from their respective PACs. Input should be sent to Cindy at cindyandrew@shaw.ca • A workshop related to Restitution has been confirmed for February 19, 2014. Details on all confirmed sessions will be posted on the SPEAC website. • Parent Education Retreat - Spa-like with self-care, and SPEAC nights envisioning, at the end of the year. • Gaming presentation – should be presented in the Spring. • Sexual Health - Specific funding support for Sexual Health workshop was requested. Date to be determined by December's meeting. <p>Motion to fund 2 sexual health workshops for parents to a max cost of \$350.</p> <p>Amendment: Change amount to \$175 for one session in the Belmont zone and pending its outcome a second for Edward Milne zone will be considered. (Belmont/Millstream)</p> <p>b) Special Education Advisory Committee – Stephen A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in Stephen`s absence a draft statement of purpose was circulated. <p>11. New Business</p> <p>a. Green School Plan moved to next Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form a committee – great support from the district. 	Carried	Grace Darling/ Chantal Gibbs

<p>b. Engagement Strategy c. Face Book – It is now up & running; please like our page. d. Gender Diversity Committee - reforming is looking for volunteers.</p>		
<p>Next meeting will be held at December 11, 2013 at the School District office</p>		
<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm (Crystal View/Belmont)</p>	<p>Carried</p>	