



MINUTES
General Meeting September 22, 2010
Spencer Middle School Library

Chair: Brenda Cyr, SPEAC President
Minutes: Stephanie Longstaff, SPEAC Secretary

	Motions	Action
1. Meeting Called to order at 7:02 p.m. Let the record show that there is quorum present. Introductions – 13 parents in attendance.		
2. Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spencer Students spoke about some of their great programs • Mr. Honer – grade 7 has twice as many boys as girls that make the dynamics of that grade very interesting. This is due mostly to the academy programs. Very proud of our school. The new sewing room is completed with the exception of wiring. Great cabinet work by district staff. 		
3. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: Fruit and Veggie program, SPC, Garbage cans (Ruth King/John Stubbs) 	Carried	
4. Approval of June 2010 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As presented (Colwood/Ruth King) 	Carried	
5. Business Arising/Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. BCCPAC package – membership Going in the mail tonight once signed by president b. Meeting Locations and dates for this school year Oct - Journey- November - Ruth King December – Action- President will be sending out an email to ask all PACs if another meeting date for SPEAC would be preferred other than the third Wednesday of the month, in an attempt to improve attendance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Middle school report cards Kelly not present d. VI Parents' Conference No one interested in volunteering at this time. Motion – table until budget discussion next month <div style="text-align: right;">Colwood/Ruth King</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Music Survey Not done 	Carried	President/ Treasurer -President

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<p>6. Delegate Reports:</p> <p>Superintendent – Jim Cambridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment looks good up about 150 students • BCeSIS – is the demographic software for timetabling and attendance province wide which has been problematic for all. Counselors are working very odd hours trying to get things set with students in schools. Could be issues about having all kids registered for the official count Sept. 30. • The ministry has stated ‘no excuses’ numbers need to be in even if their system is at fault for delays. • Aboriginal Ed gathering October 6 at Ruth King • His school visits start next week, tries to visit all schools at least three times a year, some he sees much more often • District Day September 20 very entertaining and educational. Lots of music students from the district all around. • Full day K [Kindergarten] has begun with half of the schools. It seems to be going well • Expansion work has started/ Modular work is also started • Adding capacity of 27-28 elementary school classes. • Long range plan by Bill Wood, projections for student population, in the next 5, 10, 15 years. Some startling findings. Could not share as the report is not complete and needs to go to Board of Education before it goes public. Projections for the district student numbers are up by 30% in 5 years, double in 15 years. (approx.) • There will be presentation to the board in a few weeks then a public presentation of the final report 		
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<p>CUPE: Cameron Gordon-Findlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossing Guards - Thanks Colwood, Langford, Sooke and Windsor Plywood, Thrifty's for support. <p>Trustee – Bob Phillips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book review - Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It takes a community to raise a child • All day kindergarten – many will thrive. The challenge is that if you are not ready, he would hope that we would pull the community in to add the parts 		
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<p style="text-align: center;">that the kids need to be successful students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to Fed. Gov. from SD on the long form Census, he feels they are necessary. The board will be discussing this and making a decision on whether to write a letter to Prime Minister Harper. Much of that data is important to SDs. • Time for Jim Cambridge's evaluation – Lee Southern will help with the gathering of the info for this. October 19 and 20. The exec will get invites and the questions in advance. • There will also be a 69 question survey for the executive. <p>STA – Patrick Henry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Waterlander is attending Meet the teacher evening. • BCeSIS is the biggest problem he is hearing about. • All provincial access is being kept centrally. This is now problematic as the last few districts come on line. • There is other software out there. • Biggest concern is the loss of learning time that this is taking up. • A tremendous disservice that this is causing for students. • Not enough is coming out in the press about this problem. 		
<p>7. Correspondence –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCCPAC – Crystal meth funding denied but we were offered two free attendees to the BCCPAC Fall Conference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HH is interested • Westshore Crystal meth money - not collected. <p>Action - VP will connect treasurer with CM Society</p>		-VP/ treasurer
<p>8. Treasurer's Report - Terry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaming balance: \$563.19 • General Account:\$3888.54 • Suggests we have a deep round table discussion about our budget for this year. Set the time aside and throw thought around for discussion. • Has put all of SPEACs records on Simply Accounting • President and First Vice need to get to the bank and sign on the account • Application went in late for the gaming moneys • The website currently says the application has been completed which means we will probably get the money 		President and First Vice
<p>9. President's Report - Brenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with the Superintendent set dates to meet with him • Attended the presidents meeting last June missed one this week • Education standing Committee meeting was canceled this week 		

<p>but she will attend or make sure an executive is in attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate report card committee has invited SPEAC to send a parent to a meeting on Thursday September 30 at 1pm to discuss feedback and concerns. • The school district is hiring a VP for the International Program – SPEAC has been asked for someone to attend 		<p>-Terry will attend</p> <p>-First Vice will attend</p>
<p>10. Executive Reports - PAC Education Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen explained what the evenings are about and asked for volunteers to sign up to help facilitate the events • Stephanie has contacted Gaming and Treasurer speakers • Brenda wants everyone to take charge of their own events • Sign up on the sheet going around • In order to book a meeting date, contact Stephanie L. 		
<p>11. New Business</p> <p>a. SPEAC Reps to reach out to schools that are not participating in DPAC After a few meetings we will see who is not involved. And discuss action at that time.</p> <p>b. E-newsletter – who is going to take this on? Kelly and Brenda just don't have time to do this. Members please share things with the Exec if they want them shared with members.</p> <p>c. SPEAC Webpage – Kelly/Stephanie Stephanie L. - the new District Webpage will be up and live soon and then a new SPEAC page may follow along with new school pages. This is a chance to make many changes if we want, coming soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ask that District webpage change from 'parent group' to DPAC and post email address <p>d. New SPEAC Email address – is the same</p> <p>e. C&B Review committee – Let President know if you are interested</p> <p>f. Fruit and Veggie program Stephanie L. spoke about funding for this provincial program. Suggested that all those schools that participate should invite their MLA to inform them that this is a great program and that we need it to be expanded. Great opportunity for a photo op in the local paper.</p>		<p>-Colwood supports and wants to help with this</p> <p>-Secretary</p> <p>-members to talk to PACs</p>

<p>g. S.P.C's District meeting to be set up by Brenda. Stephanie L. encouraged parents to support their SPC. Gave some upcoming dates of interest to SPC members. (bill 33 and elections) Action - enquire at SBO about setting date for Annual District SPC meeting</p>		-President
<p>h. Garbage cans at schools - Journey Bear issues – garbage cans are just 45 gallon drums. This is an issue with many critters not having them be covered or secured. Journey, HH and Poirier have had issues with bears around the school yard. Action - will enquire if anything can be done</p>		-President
<p>Next meeting will be held at: Journey Middle School October 20 at 7 p.m. (10/20/2010)</p>		
<p>12. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 (Ruth King/Dunsmuir)</p>	Carried	

President _____

Secretary _____

October 20, 2010