

MINUTES - January 20, 2016 @ Westshore Learning Centre

Chair: SPEAC President Brena Robinson Minutes: SPEAC Secretary Jean Grimshaw

Agenda Item	Motions	Action
1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm		
Introductions were made by all		
Let the record show that there is quorum present.		
2. Presentation: Westshore Centre for Learning & Training		
Principal, Paul Block, started by thanking SPEAC for having a meeting at		
WCLT; 1 st time SPEAC has been here. Info about WCLT: there are 6		
locations with over 3400 students participating in alternative and online		
programs. The school reaches students from here to Beecher Bay and up		
north to Port Renfrew. WCLT has partnerships with the district for		
mainstream courses such as Planning 10; it's offered online and allows		
our high schools to take an extra elective.		
3. Comprehensive School Health Presentation, Assistant		
Superintendent, Roberta Kubik		
- If you look at the new curriculum on line tell them what you like		Healthy Schools
as well as don't like		Committee to work
- Healthy schools portion of our website: green apple		with SD to enhance
- Interactive – kids' pics and writings on web		parent side of CSH
Look at putting SPEAC healthy schools parent info onto website		site
4. Approval of the Agenda		
Additions: add skate park, transportation		
(Westshore/Journey)	Carried	
5. Approval of November Minutes		
Corrections: NIL (Westshore/Journey)		
	Carried	
6. Business Arising/ Old Business Updates		
Transportation meetings – dates last night and tomorrow Edward		
Milne at 7 pm		
Emergency release – Dave Betts let us know every school will		
have a drill make sure your child's emergency release form		
includes the names of ANYONE who can pick up your child		
(including parents and it is recommended to include someone		
within walking distance to the school). There will be a planning		
committee meeting on Friday that Brena will attend.		
commutee meeting on throug that Brena win attend.		



 SPEAC registration: 21 of 26 schools in the district New curriculum parent night - should SPEAC put one on? SPEAC will draft a survey to see what topics are of interest to parents. 		Exec. draft survey and send to parents
SKATE Park, SPEAC Director, Cindy Andrew With the old Belmont went the skate park. There are community meetings about getting a new one. What can we do to assist? SPEAC,		
the School Board, and Education Partner Groups should write letters to support having a new skate park. SPEAC Reps to ask PACs to write letter of support as well.		SPEAC Reps to discuss with PACs
MOTION for SPEAC write a letter and also ask PACS to write letters to support the need of a new skate park in the western community, letters to go to anyone that may be of help. (Journey/Saseenos)	Carried	Cindy to draft letter for SPEAC to sign
7. Treasurer Report		
✤ General account balance \$ 3,146.45 from bank statement		
 Gaming account balance \$ 1,730.67 from bank statement 		
8. SPEAC events		
 Stressed Out Kids: What schools and parents can do and are doing was on November 25th at Royal Bay Secondary. Christine McGregor presented to about 120 attendees Sex, Drugs & Social Media is on Feb. 10th at Ecole John Stubbs Memorial at 7 pm. Childminding is almost full and we have over 160 attendees registered. Presenters will be Jennifer Gibson, Island Sexual Health; RCMP Cst. Scott Rothermel; and our very own Cindy Andrew. New Curriculum parent night is booked for March 2nd with Vivian Collier presenting. Roberta and Cindy are working together planning the event. They need to know what we (as parents) want to know about. You can email any topics of interest to Cindy via SPEAC email by Feb 12th and she will put them on the list to get answered. Also, SPEAC will be developing a survey (see above). We will need SPEAC representation at the meeting as Cindy can't be there. More details to come in SPEAC newsletter. Feb 15th Healthy Schools Committee Meeting at School Board Office 		Brena to draft poster for Curriculum night. Crystal/Brena to include in newsletter
9. Delegate Reports		
Trustee, Dianna Seaton		
- Thanked parents for all the work they do		



- 1st Transportation forum was last night if you missed the meeting and are interested, the presentation will be on the school district website
- School busses is not a forced item but our school board thinks it is a necessity for our district. This year there is an increase of 895 riders; we have 2685 riders
- Transportation forum is about transit, school busses, and safe walking and bike paths
- Reps from transit \$45/month compared to \$175 annually for school bus;
- PACS to look at other safe ways to get kids there safely
- CRD presentation opportunities for funding to plan to use bike paths
- Meeting in Feb TBA re transportation (busses mainly) SPEAC to pass on info (time/date/location) will pass to parents noted that parents asked for more notice

Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Roberta Kubik

Provincial exams last week of January also Kindergarten registration

Healthy schools – middle schools are doing support to help kids when they get to middle school – peer pressure, society pressures IMIMS, teachers learning about it and also from students

STA – Georgie Walker: absent

SPVP – Paul Block

Monday 8 AM Kindergarten registration and also change of schools (all school changes) Basketball for elementary students

CUPE – Tim Hamblin

- Executive has had big changes
- Facilities moving/moved building not complete yet old one taken down
- Resources are spread very thin
- Royal Bay almost totally done Belmont later in school year
- Dunsmuir seismic to be completed by end of school year
- Safety issues are being met but others are being put on side burner



CPF – ABSENT		
Student – ABSENT		
10 nutrition and stretch break		
11. Executive Reports: BCCPAC Rep, Crystal Andrews – parent awards deadline is Feb. 28 th ; it was suggested that Stephanie be nominated for the BCCPAC lifetime achievement award. We need letters of support from SPEAC and the school board or administration.		
MOTION for SPEAC to write a letter nominating Stephanie Longstaff for the BCCPAC life time achievement award PAC and to ask Ravi to write a letter of support. (Westshore/Journey)	Carried	Brena to write letter and ask Ravi to write one
SPEAC will host a resolution night – likely at the end of March BCCPAC AGM is in Kelowna, SPEAC will ask for proxies from PACs that have memberships and do not plan to attend the AGM.		
FYI motions passed at EXEC Meeting in December 2015:		
MOTION: to pay up to \$50 child minding and \$50 for refreshments. (Westshore/Journey)	Carried	
MOTION to give a \$150 honorarium for Jennifer Gibson from Island Sexual Health for the Sex, Drugs and Social Media event. (Westshore,Journey)		
(westshole, Journey)	Carried	
MOTION that VIPC tickets not being used by schools, by a predetermined date, be re-distributed. (Westshore,Crystal View)	Carried	
 10. Committee Reports Education Standing, Yvonne Sundby - Personal & Sexual harassment policies are being seperated per WCB recommendations. The Board of Education is moving away from the term Bullying, as it is misused far too often, however it is required as part of the policy to comply with WCB language. Other policies being reviewed include school fees. Next meeting Feb. 15. Budget, Brena Robinson – no meeting; expecting one in February Healthy Schools, Cindy Andrew – see above 		

Sooke Parents' Education Advisory Council

Communications & Engagement Miles Hangen No second		
Communications & Engagement, Mike Hansen – No report 11. New Business		
 New business Possible parent education night – Brena shared that she's had contact with several PACs/parents regarding "bullying" complaints and district did confirm there are more complaints than in previous years. A few related opportunities discussed: 		SPEAC Reps to discuss with PACs to see if parent interest
1) parent evening focused on bullying		
2) guidance for parents re: addressing concerns (e.g. self-assessment		
flow chart what to do and where to go)		
 one or two parents from each school trained on restitution to be a go to person for parents to contact to see what the process is and any other info. SPEAC reps asked to gather input from PACs to see what the parents would find helpful. 		
PAC Roles and Responsibilities, meeting procedures, C &B, etc.		
– Postponed till next meeting		
MOTION to adjourn at 9:29 pm. (Saseenos / Millstream)		
Next Meeting: January 20 th 7 pm @ Poirier	Carried	