



MINUTES
April 16, 2014-Happy Valley School

Chair: Dory Thuot
Minutes: Yvonne Sundby, SPEAC Secretary

	Motions	Action
<p>1. Performance by Happy Valley Students</p> <p>2. Meeting Called to order at 7:25 p.m. Let the record show that there is quorum present.</p> <p>2. Approval of the Agenda Additions: no changes (Happy Valley/Wishart)</p> <p>3. Approval of Month Minutes Corrections: no corrections (Belmont/Lakewood)</p> <p>4. Business Arising/Old Business</p> <p>a. Exit Surveys-Dory T.-Dory presented the history of this topic came to SPEAC-described the process of sending a letter to our Superintendent-an online surbey has been created by the district to allow parents to follow-up why their child is leaving either a school or the district-no time line for when the survey will be implemented.</p> <p>b. BCCPAC Resolution-Dory T.-Dory described BCCPAC and proxies to the group-the resolution book has been received-SPEAC's resolution was presented in the book as SPEAC wrote it-Executive will set up a meeting to go through all resolutions to understand them and then vote at the AGM accordingly-all schools who are BCCPAC members can report to SPEAC their opinions and votes to be carried forward</p> <p>Motion to hold a BCCPAC resolutions meeting on April 23, 2014 at the School Board Office at 7pm. (Belmont/Sooke)</p> <p>c. Constitution and Bylaws-Steph L.-a draft copy of the Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) was handed to the group-the C&B needed to be updated to reflect how SPEAC operates at this time-Steph presented the changes that have been made to the Bylaws-some discussion was held on the changes concerning district employees being a part of SPEAC executive-SPEAC reps to report to their PACs and email SPEAC with their options or ideas of the changes</p> <p>Notice of motion to amend the Constitution and Bylaws at the May AGM meeting</p>	<p>Carried</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Carried</p>	

<p>d. Health Schools Event-Update-Cindy A.-this committee was created by suggestions from parents-the committee has taken on parent education in two different events already-upcoming events are WIFI May 8, 2014 7pm-9pm at Belmont and Food and Nutrition May 13 7pm-9pm at John Stubbs-these events are for all parents within and around our district-Provincial Gathering being held in August to speak about school based mental health-SPEAC will table this discussion until the next meeting to decide if it will send someone to the event-the committees next meeting is May 26, 2014 7:15pm at the School Board Office</p> <p>Asst. Superintendent-Dave Betts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Visioning Summit-May 1, 2014, 8:30am-4pm at Royal Colwood Golf Club-facilitators have been going out to the community to gather stories to learn of powerful learning moments in peoples lives-the summit will involve reading the stories and finding the underlying themes-the district is going to use these themes to help strengthen the learning process in our district-an invitation was extended to the group, please RSVP through the link on the district site • 3600 out of 7000 students will be transitioning to new schools in 2015 when the new schools open • The district has been working on decreasing its budget due to less monies being provided by the government in the coming year-the district is paid so much per student from the government to operate its budget-wages for district employees take up most of the budget-it was explained how the government provides buffers for schools whose enrollment is decreasing, but districts whose enrollment is increasing doesn't receive extra benefits <p>Trustee-Bob Phillips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • praise was given to the district for being able to maintain great working relationships during rough times • Bob quoted Jerome Kagan, renowned child psychologist when speaking of the biology and environment of the cycle of children growing to be parents and grandparents and how it relates to our education system-a statement of how do we best support our children, school connectedness 		
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<p>CUPE: Tim Hamblin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCCUPE convention had more resolutions presented this year than in previous years-Tim spoke of the Federal Health Accord and how medical user fees will be increased due to a short fall that will happen if accord is passed-Tim also reported how increasing CPP contributions, CPP could be doubled-mental health care was pushed aside and an independent financial advisor has to investigate-Tim spoke of Temporary Foreign Workers and how they should be hired for specific jobs that require special training, not of low entry jobs such as fast food <p>Student-Makayla Scharf-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students of upper grades are willing to be involved with PACs or SPEAC, they just need direction-students have ideas to share and haven't been able to share them with adult groups such as PAC-it was recognized that students are involved in the district visioning process and the newly created student leadership council <p>Q. is there anxiety from students about becoming a part of the adult world? A. yes, there is a lot of pressure on students-Tim shared how CUPE has developed a program to assist students interested in trades programs with practical experience</p> <p>Student-Alisa Lindley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> wanted to bring green issues within school to the district level -Belmont's 'Green Team' has been growing, but there seems to be a lack of support from teachers-there are no recycle bins in the classrooms due to such issues as bugs and smell <p>6. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Kaercher-Vice Principal Pacific Secondary-an alternate education reformation PAC meeting-it is an event being presented on May 6, 2014 at 7pm at the School Board Office <p>7. New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> May AGM-Dory T.-May 21, 2014-SPEAC is asking for persons to inform SPEAC if they will be keeping or leaving their current positions-change in Constitution and Bylaws to change the nominations committee chair from the President to the 1st Vice President June PAC Summit-Dory T-SPEAC would like to present a summit of PAC's instead of a traditional meeting for its meeting in June-it could consist of a more social evening with 		
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<p>dinner and a more casual discussion of issues –June 2, 2014 at 6pm was decided as the date for this event.</p> <p>c. BCCPAC AGM-Dory T.-need to confirm who is going-Crystal, Chantelle, Teresa, Dory, Rosanna and Swatti-food costs weren't calculated in the previous motion and John Stubbs has requested financial support from SPEAC to send delegates to the BCCPAC AGM -the total budget amount needs to be changed-discussion of SPEAC's accounts led to allowing us to increase the AGM budget and give support to John Stubbs in the total of \$400.00</p> <p>Motion that SPEAC increase the budget for the 2014 BCCPAC Conference/AGM by \$1000.00 to \$3500.00 (Belmont/Sooke)</p> <p>8. Reports-</p> <p>9. Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General balance: • Gaming Account <p>10. President's Report –copied from handout</p> <p>Next meeting held at School Board Office -May 21, 2014 at 7pm</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 9:47pm (Belmont/Willway)</p>	<p>Carried</p> <p>Carried</p>	
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