

MINUTES
December 14, 2011
School Board Office

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

	Motions	Action
<p>1. Meeting Called to order 7:02pm Let the record show that there is quorum present.</p>		
<p>2. Presentation:</p> <p>Scott Rothermel-Criminal Records Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a draft of the policy that is on the table and has questions about it and would like to talk about those questions another time- believes that policy should be standard in case volunteers move about District-where would records of volunteers be kept-will • Where you live is where you get your criminal record checks done-RCMP and municipal detachments will provide different looking documents- two key boxes are none or may or may not exist-applicant can ask for clarification of information in those boxes-Criminal Record Checks are changing so that they are standard with all police forces bringing municipal offenses along with Federal data bases together- Vulnerable Sector Check is a separate check than Criminal Records Check -includes many offenses that weren't included on previous Criminal Records Checks- those working with children and vulnerable adults will be required to have this check done- this check will also include such things as pardoned offenses-traffic violations would be under another record and would have to be asked for- if someone already has a Criminal Record Check done, one could present this instead of getting new check done- Volunteers don't have to pay, fee waived -under current laws, a person must report if they have been charged with an offense, that should be looked at District as well – also if presenters are brought in to schools and personal information is exchanged, where are the rules regarding that circumstance • Scott's recommendations are that the district go with Vulnerable Sector Check rather than a Criminal Records Check for volunteers <p>Leigh Hall-Pea gravel Safety in Playgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finds that playgrounds with pea gravel are not meeting safety standards-submitted two letters from Province stating that CSA standards are a recommendation whereas Preschools must meet CSA standards-moving to New Business as District needs to look into this 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from Ministry of Education-Briefly, the CSA standards for children's play spaces and equipment are not requirements or regulations, but recommended guidelines. Boards of education are required by the School Act to provide for the safety of students in their care, which they do with respect to the safety of playgrounds that students use. 		
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3. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additions: Transportation under new business-Stephanie L. (Spencer/Sooke) 	Carried	
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4. Approval of Month Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrections: (Spencer/Sooke) 	Carried	
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5. Business Arising/Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Two Week Spring Break-meeting again in Jan. 2012 b. Gender Policy-copies handed out to schools in paper -two parents have come forward to join committee -if anyone else who is interested who have life experience to share, please contact Stephanie L. c. Draft Policy for Volunteers-sent to PACS –District has made a motion to get it through-will take time to get it back and forth between different boards –some discussion needed on all points Questions from PAC concerning Parent Drivers at schools Questions-Will they need Criminal Records Checks-not yet – principal to determine -Should some exceptions be included to the use of personal information be extended to emerg prep group not just Safe Arrival-Jim -could point will look into it some schools have contact lists for parents-Jim- parents must consent to that d. Island DPAC Association- Victoria, Sooke and Cowichan to be involved in this group-a chance to share information and move on-Would like to see SPEAC vote on this tonight- <p>Motion- to move this subject to New Business (EMCS/Millstream)</p>	Carried	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Emergency Preparedness Committee- Jeff M. taking up Emergency Prep (EP) committee from Neil 		
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<p>Poirier as Neil is now a Trustee- Jeff's background is with risk management with Province of BC –SPEAC would like this committee to be a liaison between SPEAC and District and share information to District of what SPEAC would like to see happen in District concerning EP -Jeff is looking for each school to have an EP coordinator- -contacted schools and districts about EP and no response from either group-if anyone is interested on being on this committee, email Stephanie and information will be passed along to Jeff</p>		
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<p>6. Delegate Reports:</p> <p>Superintendent-Jim Cambridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Arts here to answer any questions concerning websites • Life is busy with elections, new schools, new budgets • BCSTA happened last week-Minister talk to trustees-nice to be a part of a growing district and not a declining district • New Schools Information-things are happening, but it is all at Ministry and District level- District has asked for Ministry to follow through with quick timelines – District is looking at January when it will be asking for community input <p>Graham Arts-District IT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a few things that District needs to look at for a productive IT future in the district - active directory, data centers updated, centralizing IT decisions and vision for IT's future, school support, communication of what to have and not have, cloud computing and immersing technologies <p>Trustee-Neil Poirier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New board member Jon Brown -Wendy H. now Chair • Group visited mainland to see new schools -New schools in Surrey are fantastic <p>STA – Patrick Henry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two sides of bargaining sit down, all proposals are in, Government concerns are about contract stripping so it will align with education plan -misinformation still rampant in media, for teachers, money issue is about restoring funding, not wages -there won't be much change at bargaining table until funding is restored to education 		
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<p>SPVP-Paul Block-not in attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent a note wishing all a great Christmas and thank-you to parents for their continued support <p>CUPE-Cameron Gordon- Finlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve McDowell now 2nd Vice of CUPE-new representative to SPEAC <p>Student-Ravi P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie couldn't come-she has resigned position with the recycling program- Ravi is coordinating Recycling program at Belmont -garbage on its way out and recycle is in at Belmont- • Food drive was a great success, thank-you to all • Recycling Fees information-Ravi will bring information next meeting 		Ravi P.
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<p>7. Correspondence –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCCPAC sent reminders about registration • Pacific Secondary PAC sent Christmas card to SPEAC • School District sent Christmas card to SPEAC 		
<p>8. Treasurer's Report –email report and will be shared electronically – numbers will be recorded when reports have been read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaming balance: \$3264.14 • General Account: \$10,604.22 		
<p>9. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIPC-posters to be handed out to schools-electronic versions going out as well-Stephanie L. –those who are here, please take one, Stephanie L. will send some out to schools who are not in attendance-these ones have updated information-a recommendation has been made that poster be put onto website-District agreed to pay for a part of VIPC and SPEAC received the cheque this week • Feb 2, 2012-Restitution Schools parent information night 		
<p>10. Executive Reports</p>		
<p>11. New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Camosun Course-Running effective meetings-Neil P. Could we ask them to come and run the course here for SPEAC – Kelly D. to take this project on SPEAC email list use- 		Kelly D.

