



MINUTES
January, 21, 2015
Crystal View Elementary

Chair: SPEAC President-Dory Thuot
Minutes: SPEAC Secretary-Michelle Winsor

	Motions	Action
<p>1. Meeting Called to order at 7:06 p.m. Let the record show that there is quorum present. Willway, Millstream, West Shore, John Stubbs, Dunsmuir, David Cameron, Wishart, Belmont, Journey, Crystal View, Happy Valley</p>		
<p>2. Presentation: Middle Schools And Academies- Dave Betts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the biggest transitions will be at the Middle School level- the grades 6-8 model will put SD 62 alongside with the other districts that surround us-time table blocks will be grouped together to allow the same amount of time for core subjects for each middle school in the district -350 students will be enrolled next year in a middle school academy • A cohort system will be in place (two teachers will share the responsibilities of the class with each teacher taking on a few subjects each) • John Stubbs will have a different length of a day to accommodate the elementary schedule and the bussing schedules • Transitions 2015 website has all information • Academies at Middle School-the academies will remain in middle schools allowing schools to build a sense of belonging for students and to make a connection to the adult who are involved in the programs-also to maintain exercise levels for students- • Academy programs will be maintained by the district-Vice Principal Wayne Kelly will be responsible for running the academies –Bursary applications will be maintained by the district • High School and Middle School Academies will be different from each other-academy fees will be different, different times involved in between middle school and high school 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will be seeing changes as well as they will be teaching different things from what they have been doing for the past- <p>Q-How is the District working towards helping these teachers to make the transition? District has been working with teachers and allowing teachers to make choices that will suit them and their future</p> <p>Q-will there be a change of philosophy between –there was a restraint with a grade 7-9 system-it will be a student focus and keeping students engaged</p> <p>Q-Is there room for Healthy Schools to assist parents with the transition process? Have to find the resources to help prepare parents for students transitioning-Jim commented how discussion needs to be around how anxiety plays a role in the transition process and a focus will need to be made on that topic</p> <p>Q-Will there be something in place for students who are not a part of a specialized program to feel the inclusiveness and connectedness?- Jim replied that there are other opportunities for students to join</p>		
<p>3. Approval of the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additions: New Business: BCCPAC Resolutions-submitting any Constitution and Bylaws-electronic <p style="text-align: right;">(John Stubbs/Millstream)</p>	Carried	
<p>4. Approval of Month Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrections: Roberta Kubik-entry entered twice <p style="text-align: right;">(Wishart/Belmont)</p>	Carried	
<p>5. Crystal View Elementary-Welcome-slide show presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Stubbs Open House tomorrow to introduce them to Crystal View for the transition in 2015 Crystal View and John Stubbs already creating connections to make the transition easier <p>6. Business Arising/Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PAC President's Dinner-January 28, 2015-School Board Office CRD 2015 Recycling and SD 62-table until after break- VIPC 2015- Feb 7,2015-early bird cut off was January 21, 2015-member schools had two tickets given to them- 		

<p>d. District Committees-needing parents- positions filled</p> <p>e. Healthy Schools Report-Cindy A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions support as previously discussed above in the Trustee question area • Parent education event-Sex, Drugs, and Social Media- Feb. 25, 2015 at 7pm-8:30pm at Dunsmuir Middle School-Island Sexual Health, Cst. Scott Rothermel will be in attendance • National Kids Health Forum-May 7, 2015-The event will be centered around Children's Mental Health-will be well supported from the Island and Province <p>6. Delegate Reports:</p> <p>Trustee –Denise Riley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two issues that trustees are focused on will be the budget for the next school year-there will be a call for public budget meetings • the new buildings for Facilities and Bussing- the districts needs for a transportation depot <p>Q-has the board voted on the bussing fees as information from schools was sent out already?</p> <p>Q-Dunsmuir the next step for Dunsmuir's seismic upgrade? Jim answered-approval has been given from Province-reports will need to be done, engineers will be need to come to the school-What will happen to the students during the construction? Districts first idea was rejected, so students may have to be housed in portables</p> <p>Q-Facilities will be taking space from Spencer, will parents be able to park still in front of the current tennis courts area? no, parking will be removed</p> <p>Superintendent-Jim Cambridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial budget comes out on Feb. 17 2015 • Transitions during the fall-elementary is losing two grades in one year and we don't want any students to feel lost • Gender Diversity group met • FSA letters-District sent them out if you need clarification call district • My BC- high schools have already converted from BCESIS and elementary will transfer later-this is the school student information system 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry sent a letter about auditing the information behind the enrollment at Belmont-district replied no to Belmont and Province will be doing West Shore and EMCS <p>Q-A concern was raised by West Shore to bring awareness to the District about Bussing to West Shore-could a route be made to incorporate West Shore with bussing as Students are finding it very difficult getting to school using public transportation to and from</p> <p>CUPE-Cameron Gordon-Finlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December elections occurred-Cameron is the new president for CUPE- Amber Leonard has taken 2nd Vice President <p>SPVP- Greg Dodds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> thanks to District for their work with the school transitions in 2015-SPVP would like to make sure parents are aware of the information that is available to them about the transitions and course selections for the middle schools and high schools <p>CPF- Cindy Andrews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday April 14, 2015-a French Public Speaking competition at the District level Concours d'art Oratoire-students have an opportunity to go to Provincial level if they succeed at District level-teachers are receiving information which will spread to the students French Advisory Committee has voted to give more funding to Millstream Elementary School to grow and give more support for resources Parent French Lessons-the lessons have already started at John Stubbs- more information can be found on Canadian Parent for French web page <p>7. Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaming balance: \$775.71 General Account: \$1670.49 Funds from District have been received-calculated as a percentage per child in the district Proposed Budget 2014-2015 (Journey/West Shore) 	<p>Carried</p>	
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<p>8. Committee Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Schools-Cindy A.-looking for help on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 covering the purchasing of and setting up refreshments-arrival for 6:15pm for volunteers • Education Standing-Yvonne S.-Volunteer Policy changes are being made concerning the Criminal Record check/Driver's Abstract-SPEAC's position is to ask volunteers to have a criminal record check/driver's abstracts to be done every year-the district wants to have volunteers to do it every 2-3 years • Community Supports within the School- SPEAC sent recommendations to the district concerning this document- Education Standing would like to put it forward as an administrative procedure , not as a policy and make changes to the wording that already exists • Calendar Committee-the committee decided to put forward two calendars-one with a two week spring break and one with a one week spring- <p>9. Executive Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing to report <p>10. New Business</p> <p>a. BCCPAC Resolutions- are we going to put forward any resolutions as a DPAC?- PACs who are members can put forward a resolution to BCCPAC-SPEAC will need time to come up with the idea, work on the resolution and then give it to BCCPAC-January 31, 2015 is the deadline to have resolutions in the book-the BCCPAC AGM is in May 2015</p> <p>b. Constitution and Bylaws-SPEAC would like to amend our bylaws to include members in the voting process who are joining through an online provided-</p> <p>10. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm (Journey/David Cameron)</p> <p>Next meeting will be held on February 18, 2015 at Spencer Middle School</p>	<p>Carried</p>	
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