

**Minutes
May 16, 2012
School Board Office**

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

	Motions	Action
1. Meeting Called to order 7:01pm Let the record show that there is quorum present.		
2. Presentation: no presentation		
3. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: (Lakewood/Colwood) 	Carried	
4. Approval of March Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction: (Colwood/EMCS) Approval of April Notes • Correction: (Colwood/ EMCS) 	Carried	
5. Business Arising/Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. BCCPAC AGM- moved to new Business b. David Bouchard-Rossana P.-didn't get details as it is very expensive-he has various presentations and would like clarification of budget, location and audience-SPEAC is geared towards parents where he looks like more of a childrens speaker –maybe look for partnerships to go in with us – maybe VIPC or Westshore Literacy Network or Kathleen King Hunt c. Spring Break-The Board of Eductation decided on a one week for next school year 		

6. Delegate Reports: Superintendent-Jim Cambridge- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Learning Centers for new schools –have been talking with various groups as to what will be added to our new schools – theatre, family center, athletics are all suggestions that have been brought forth –first step is to present to board and then community- the presentations to the community will happen June 13 (7p-9p) and June 16 (12pm-3pm) dates may change due to process being delayed • New schools- many factors about how the schools will come about are still being discussed-board will vote on final 		
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<p>decisions and then send it on to the Ministry and they will then let us know when it will happen and what it will look like in the end</p> <p>Question-about how long will this take- feedback will happen right away –can't estimate how long the whole process will take</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Seismic Program-province rated schools as what school needed upgrading first –UBC Engineers have been doing research on low rise building seismic needs –new rankings have been made and found out Sangster is our first priority, then Dunsmuir, Willway and Ruth King- non structural mitigation will happen afterwards where they will go through schools to see what is needed –to be done next year <p>Question -School Hiring- when teachers leave, will school district be hiring teachers or the principals?- it is a combination of both partners who make the decision –layoffs occur to help accommodate many reasons as to why teachers are leaving or returning to teaching</p> <p>Trustee-Diana Seaton-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was going to report the same information as Jim- The board is excited about the input from the community where the schools are concerned –the design of the new schools will be able to adjust to our growing population • Graduation Ceremonies will be happening soon- the first one was the Aboriginal Graduation which happened at Camosun- 81 Aboriginal Students graduated which is the largest Aboriginal Class from Sooke 62. <p>Question-is the board going to revisit the Spring Break issue every year –the Ministry is looking at this issue and a new calendar is in the works – it will be decided what is best for the district as a whole</p> <p>STA-Patrick Henry-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change in the Teachers Job Action-as of the end of June, a sanctioned contract will be forced on the Teachers- August will see a collective response from Teachers - Accusations of BCTF bullying teachers from Minister of Education today is not true- BCTF is a democratic organization • Music Teachers process- the music teachers fill in missing gaps and help other teachers out and later realized that they would like a solid position and therefore create positions when they move on 		
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<p>Question-Why did field trips get cancelled-teachers take their a lot of their own time to plan these events –it is them volunteering their time and is not a part of the curriculum</p> <p>SPVP-Paul Block-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Movement- our district is looking at more principal movement this year –if there is a new administration in your school, the PACs should engage them and invite them to a meeting to talk about hopes and dreams for the schools • A question to us is..what would you like to hear from SPVP? Paul would like to hear our questions and best serve what our needs are – <p>CUPE-Steve McDowell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been on panels for Asst. Superintendent-enjoyed the process to see what happens in out district • What would SPEAC like to ask CUPE?-if Steve doesn't know the answer, he will find one for us • School Calendar-Steve leans towards all year school <p>Question- EMCS has a crumbling wall – how long will it take to get Fixed? – Steve will investigate –There is also a gravel area that needs to be dealt with –Steve will investigate with grounds</p> <p>Question- yellow painted zone on the sidewalks – parents at Colwood are just parking randomly, what does the yellow mean? It means that parents can stop, drop child off and keep moving, no parking and leaving the vehicle –principal needs to address issue</p> <p>Student-Ravi Parmar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for another student to attend SPEAC • Belmont is taking part in the Off the Grid Festival- there will be a music and art festival as well – at Fort Rodd Hill and community is invited this year – Friday May 25 (4pm-7pm) <p>Question-are the schools being emailed the information?-Jim will send it electronically for Ravi –the information has been handed out to schools and SBO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Schools and will happen to the skate board park-Jim addressed the question, but doesn't know the answer- the skate park is leased to the city –it will not move at this time and may be relocated 		<p>Members</p>
<p>7. Correspondence –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Ground Cover-response from Board of Education-still not recieved 		

<p>10. Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CSH-Swatti S.-this committee is just starting and is hoping to get their goals and drafts out by August –the committee will be attending a meeting about school health next week b. Lice Check-Stephanie L.-meeting electronically c. Emerg Prep-Jeff M.-a report was handed out which includes the new policy that they district has created -it includes SPEACs suggestions –SPEAC needs to keep pushing about having a release drill within the district d. Volunteer Draft Policy-Rosanna P. would like to be on this committee and revisit some of the principles within it <p>11. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. BCCPAC AGM -Suggestion-email schools and wait for their replies on how to vote on resolutions-SPEAC did say that they wouldn't take the votes forward if they hadn't been discussed b. Elections: <p>President-Stephanie Longstaff Vice President-Rossana Pallot 2nd Vice President- Carolyn Parkinson Treasurer-Georgina Tran Secretary- Michelle Winsor BCCPAC Representative- still open Directors- Swatti Scott, Anna Ballard Terry would like the minutes to show, those who attended this meeting electronically can be accepted as Directors and voted in during our September meeting if they so choose.</p>		<p>President</p>
<p>Next meeting will be held at Millstream on June 20, 2012</p>		
<p>12. Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm (Lakewood/Millstream)</p>	<p>Carried</p>	