



MINUTES
School Board Office
September 18, 2013

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

	Motions	Action
1. Meeting Called to order 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: nothing to add (Happy Valley/Wishart) 	Carried	
4. Approval of Month Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections: no corrections (Journey/Sooke) 	Carried	
5. Business Arising/Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. School Recycling-Dory T.-there was an immediate response from District-the District has reviewed the contracts and would like to see a waste reduction district wide-a survey of schools is being done to see what each school is doing towards recycling-letter was handed out for persons to read b. Volunteer Policy-Steph L.-the discussion led to what changes SPEAC had suggested- the district is going through the policy one more time before going to the Board with it-the policy is to protect the children within the school with volunteers coming in and out of the school c. SPEAC Treasurer-SPEAC welcomes Teresa Mason as Treasurer for SPEAC d. SPEAC Open Position: Secretary is needed –a petition has been put forth to the group attending asking for someone to fill the position 		
6. Delegate Reports: Sooke Teachers Association-Paul Waterlander <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings from STA-Paul is VP of the STA this year and is available for questions-Paul explained some of the actions that are occurring within the teachers association and CUPE regarding contracts-Paul shared that the province has stated that if CUPE is to receive pay raises, then it will come out at the district level, not provincial 		

<p>Sooke Principals Vice Principals-Scott Manning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott gave a history of his career within Sooke District leading up to his new position of President of SPVP-Scott thanked parents for their work within the schools and is available for questions from parents-Scott also reminded us that if action is taken by CUPE, to please keep kids at home for that time <p>7. Correspondence –</p> <p>a. Six must have conversations you must have with your teen presentation-Kerri Isham presenting on Sexual Health in Nanaimo if anyone is interested-Cindy A. suggested that Jennifer Gibson at Island Sexual Health could also be a presenter in our district if there is some interest in this subject-SPEAC will look into having a presentation on Sexual Health for parents within the district</p> <p>8. Treasurer’s Report –Georgina T./Teresa M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General balance: • Gaming Account: • A reminder for schools to hand in registration money to SPEAC so SPEAC can put on education nights, etc. <p>9. President’s Report-Dory Thuot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binders were handed out to SPEAC Reps with SPEAC information and resources • District Visioning Retreat- Partner groups were invited to this event this year and the school district presented their vision of what their goals are for the district • President’s and Vice President’s dinner- October 2, 2013 at the School Board Office at 5:30pm • PAC 101 night for PAC members-October 7, 2013 at 6pm at the School Board Office • SPEAC Family of Schools-did this process work? Crystal A. reported about her experience as being positive- • Thoughtstream- the thoughtstream link will be sent to all new SPEAC reps and SPEAC would like some input about healthy schools though the thoughtstream process • SPEAC has signed up on Facebook and is looking for someone to manage the page for SPEAC-Nicole will help with this 		
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<p>10. Committee Report</p> <p>a. Healthy Schools- Cindy A.-this is a new committee within SPEAC-this committee is about the health of the whole student and whole school-it is about supporting and engaging parents-Cindy presented the possibility of having a parent forum on Restitution in the Schools, one forum being in the Belmont zone are and one in the Edward Milne zone- anyone interested in helping can contact Cindy</p> <p>b. Lice Check-Steph L.- nothing to report</p>		
<p>11. New Business</p> <p>a. Choices Program at Wishart-the Choices program moved into Wishart School this school year and this program focuses on helping to reintegrate children back into their school setting who have been removed from their schools due to social or behavioural difficulties - Wishart parents are not having issues with the program itself, but with classroom resources that have been taken from Wishart students and the lack of communication from District to the parents about this program in their school- Steve will be the chair of Special Education Advisory Committee</p> <p>Motion: SPEAC will form the Special Education Advisory Committee to be chaired by Steven Anderson (Hans Helgesen/Sooke)</p>	Carried	Steven A.
<p>b. Food safe-will food safe be offered again?</p> <p>Motion: SPEAC will look into holding a food safe training for parents this fall (Belmont/Wishart)</p>	Carried	Steph P.
<p>c. Dory puts forth Cindy Andrew as a Director of SPEAC (Millstream/Colwood)</p>	Carried	
<p>Next meeting will be held at: Edward Milne Community School on October 18, 2013</p>		
<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm (Belmont/Journey)</p>	Carried	