



**MINUTES**  
**General Meeting February 16, 2011**  
**Crystal View Elementary school**

**Chair: Brenda Cyr, SPEAC President**  
**Minutes: Stephanie Longstaff, SPEAC Secretary**

	<b>Motions</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Meeting Called to order at 7:03 p.m.</b> Introductions: 11 parents present		
<b>2. Presentation</b> – Karen Sjerven, principal and Ruchi McArthur, VP CV has a school choir and a grade 5 and 6 band. The school has a great level of student engagement. It has a very community feel. Lots of parent involvement. This is the first year they will have grade sixes that started school here in Kindergarten. Having the building under construction has been a challenge to keep students active. She told us about the way they schedule the activity areas with action as much as possible. The staff has taken this on.		
<b>3. Approval of the Agenda</b> <div style="text-align: right;">(Journey/Happy Valley)</div>	<b>Carried</b>	
<b>4. Approval of November Minutes as amended</b> <div style="text-align: right;">(Stubbs/Journey)</div>	<b>Carried</b>	
<b>5. Delegate Reports:</b>  <b>Superintendent – Jim Cambridge Superintendent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite to John Abbott Feb 24 at Royal Roads 4 – 6 pm               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If you are interested in attending, RSVP to Janice as on the invite</li> <li>○ Very interesting man</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The final Matrix report arrived this morning, original from 2005, updated in 2007 and now the latest</li> <li>• It has been done so often because of the fluctuation in growth in out school district</li> <li>• Many communities have been involve in this</li> <li>• It is public and long</li> <li>• Projects student growth for the next 5, 10 and 15 years by talking to all of the municipalities and the developers to find out projections and expectations of the builder and the city.</li> <li>• By 2024 it is predicted that we will have 55% more students, that is approximately 300 more student each year.</li> <li>• The predictions are very conservative.</li> <li>• All of our expansions are on schedule or ahead of schedule</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Trustee – Wendy Hobbs</b>          Last night the trustees heard the reports from the budget committees          Is seems to be a good process as some who have been around for many          years have learned from the process.          Wendy is meeting with the Minister of Education tomorrow          Wants to remind the minister that when it comes to education politics          should not play a role.</p> <p><b>STA – Paul Waterlander</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FSAs - Teachers are not against standardized testing they simply do not like what happens with this one in many ways. The FI ranking is of great concern.</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> century learners – Many teachers are all ready doing many of the things that may be considered 21<sup>st</sup> century learners and using new technology in the classroom             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We hope this is not a move to increase distance learning and remove the teachers from the classroom.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provincial bargaining - still feel that this is ineffective             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would like to bring it back to the local level</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The lack of provincial increased funding in this province will mean cutbacks as costs continue to rise</li> </ul> <p><b>CUPE: Cameron Gordon-Findlay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just received a new 2010- 86 passenger bus this week</li> </ul>		
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<p><b>6. Business Arising/Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VI Parent Conference - Second Vice President             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Was fantastic, Barbara Coloroso was very entertaining and informative as were the other presenters</li> <li>○ 235 adults registered, 40 from Sooke SD</li> <li>○ Next one will be February 4, 2012</li> <li>○ Looking for suggestions for speakers</li> <li>○ We talked about Darren Laur's internet safety presentation at Dunsmuir school – Very impressed highly recommend for the elementary school grade 5 and 6</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lice Group – Meetings will be set soon, they will be held in the evening. Mr. Warder is going to get back to me soon with proposed dates.</li> <li>• Bursary – still working with Belmont counselor, this is a very busy time of year for her. We will make sure this is set up before PAC offer their bursaries</li> </ul>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safe – Finding a teacher and a room has proven more work than thought as Westshore is very busy this time of year also. At this point we are looking at \$55 per person plus the cost of the room. I have asked for a better rate if we are able to assure more than 20. Dates are being looked into for room and instructor availability for April.</li> <li>• Webpage committee – we are working on the webpage and are looking for input, please email <a href="mailto:sookepac@shaw.ca">sookepac@shaw.ca</a> with any suggestions, additions, or corrections the members of the committee have been sending things to Stephanie, all input is appreciated</li> <li>• We can not really change the format much but can add info. We would like to hear what you would like to have on our Webpage.</li> <li>• Agenda order</li> </ul> <p>Move that old business be moved before partners presentations in all future agendas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Dunsmuir/Sooke Elem)</p>	Carried	Members  Secretary
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Stretch break

<p><b>7. Correspondence –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCCPAC – Looking for people to volunteer</li> <li>• BCTF – Invitation to their AGM in Victoria March 19 – 22             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SPEAC has been invited to set up an info table 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22</li> <li>○ Do we have anyone interested or available for this</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Aboriginal Student Success – Feb 23 at Journey Middle school 5 - 8</li> <li>• Appointments to VP for elementary school             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deanna Robertson, Jennifer Aubichon, Sarah Laughton</li> <li>○ Middle Deanna Robertson, Ray Miller, Brice Hewitt-Boorman</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Secretary/ Members
<p><b>8. Treasurer's Report – Terry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaming balance: \$3035.27</li> <li>• General Account: \$7864.78</li> <li>• Minus cheques written: \$3235.00</li> <li>• Total on hand today: \$7665.05</li> </ul> <p>Feels we are working well with our budget and are well situated for future years. He will not be on the exec next year. It is not a difficult job. It is the most basic of bookkeeping. He will be happy to help anyone who is willing to take on the job for next year.</p>		
<p><b>9. President's Report - Brenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vandalism is down significantly in recent years</li> <li>• Standing Education committee – 2011-12 school calendar</li> <li>• September school planning days will be directed in school every second year and District lead in other years</li> <li>• Two week spring break is being discussed for the future</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are looking for input of parents thoughts on the spring break time frame, any concerns or things that were liked.</li> <li>• Volunteer Code of conduct. Mr. Warder collected some from other districts and shared them. Many are much more detailed than our out of date policy on this.</li> <li>• He will bring the concept of a new policy to the next Board of Education meeting to see if they want the policy to be updated.</li> <li>• Recycling is a big thing in our district the contract is up for renewal in August so the district is working with CRD to see if we can get 'curbside' recycling at the schools. In the hope of reducing the costs involved with recycling and garbage disposal</li> <li>• The district is developing a LGBTQ policy (gay lesbian)</li> <li>• Books on sexual orientation have been ordered for all staff and are available on line</li> <li>• Could be posted on the SPEAC webpage</li> </ul>		
<p><b>10. Executive Reports</b> Karen Coles –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• volunteer for Healthy Foods committee from BCCPAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stephanie already accepted for this committee work</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Taking on the Nomination committee please share any names or questions with her, invite everyone you know.</li> </ul>		Secretary
<p><b>11. New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning – invite Rod Allen and Rick Davis</li> <li>• Jim Cambridge suggested we invite Allison Sidow also. She is the third and newest Superintendent of Student Achievement.</li> <li>• Discussions underway about district meeting of the education partner groups with the Supers on 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners</li> <li>• Technology in class room and who is paying for it, deferred to the March meeting.</li> </ul>		Members
<p><b>Next meeting will be held at:</b> Poirier Elementary School, March 16 @ 7pm</p>		
<p><b>12. Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm</b></p>	(Millstream/Journey)	Carried

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Date approved – March 16, 2011