



MINUTES
General Meeting January 19, 2011
Willway Elementary school

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

	Motions	Action
1. Meeting Called to order at 7:06 p.m. Introductions: 20 parents present		
2. Presentation – Willway Choir sang Journey- Midnight Train completer with choreography ➤ Robb Jeske - spoke to the possible dangers of Wi-Fi in schools. ➤ Aaron Drabitt – spoke to lack of danger of Wi-Fi ➤ Katarina Gustav – Spoke about the measured different levels of microwaves in this room since we have been here. She has a machine that does that. ➤ Karen Weiss – Spoke as a parent about negative effects of Wi-Fi on her son ➤ SD 62 Rep – Doug MacAulay – IT Man <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some schools only have one access point, some have full coverage. Belmont only has 6 radio points for full wireless coverage. • Currently schools with wireless are: • Complete coverage: Belmont, Poirier, John Muir, Crystal View, Westshore (Lakewood has it’s own system) • Some coverage: David Cameron, Willway, Hans Helgesen, John Stubbs, Dunsmuir, Savory, Sooke • Implementation of the wireless is up to the individual schools. Trying not to flood schools with Wi-Fi mostly because of cost. The home plug is being used in some schools, but it looses connectivity in some buildings. HH has 2 of those. • New schools will be completely wired. Wireless loses effect when too many are using it. • Superintendent suggested that if we have concerns we should be taking them to the medical level not the school level as the SB will take their direction from VIHA. 		
3. Approval of the Agenda <div style="text-align: right;">(Stubbs/Ruth King)</div>	Carried	
4. Approval of November Minutes <div style="text-align: right;">(Lakewood/Ruth King)</div>	Carried	

<p>5. Delegate Reports:</p> <p>Superintendent – Jim Cambridge Superintendent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School community connections grant: SD 62 approved for two for \$12,500 each Metchosin art centre and Planning money for proposed arts centre adjoining Royal Bay school. • Provincial exam week next week • Shake it out Wed 26, • 4 renovations and 8 modulars classes to accommodate full day K are coming along ahead of schedule • Budget process in progress • He has an area on the new webpage like a blog, simply updating information. Go to superintendents message on the SD62 webpage <p>Trustee – Don Brown Thanked us for our time and efforts</p> <p>STA – Paul Waterlander</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSAs/21st century learners/ provincial bargaining • Not pleased with any of the above • Hoping the parents will support the teachers • Lack of info and consultation on the 21st century learner • STA would like to see more issues bargained locally <p>CUPE: Cameron Gordon-Findlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow Day came up – Super assured us that if it is going to be a snow day it will be posted on the web by 6:30am when schools will be closed. When it is not a snow day nothing will be posted. 		
<p>6. Business Arising/Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VI Parents Conference – Second Vice President Poster to share <p>Display table for DPAC – Some one to man that table - no Signs to be made by Michelle Winsor – Willway Anyone available to be first Aid – Second Vice volunteered First vice Action – Neil will pass info onto Michelle Action – Secretary to share poster electronically with members and staff thru Supers secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC bursary and scholarships – Secretary – Met once with and left a few messages (phone and email) for Belmont counselor. Still hoping to get together with her to set date. Wondering if we should hold two meetings, one for each secondary school. • Lice group – Secretary – Contacted all member parents who showed an interest to find what is the best time for them to meet. Still waiting for over half of them to get back 		Secretary

<p>to me. It looks like the best time for most parents to meet will be evenings. Keeping Ron Warder up to date on our progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Safe Event – Secretary – In contact with Mr. McHugh at Westshore Learning he is looking into setting up a teacher and a room and will get back to me soon. Hope to book for a Saturday in March • Webpage – Committee – Secretary Still looking for members, District staff is overloaded with the change over and is having a hard time getting together with Secretary to get SPEAC page back up to where it was. 		
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Stretch break

<p>7. Correspondence –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCCPAC Resolutions – two possibilities presented Start an email conversation about those to be presented in a draft form for February • Metchosin Technical School membership - Motion that SPEAC wave the membership fees for this year (Poirier/Crystal View) 	Carried	Secretary
<p>8. Treasurer’s Report – Terry not present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaming balance: \$8,314.33 • General Account: \$3,035.21 • Minus cheques written: \$2669.95 • Total on hand today: \$8680.04 		
<p>9. President’s Report - Brenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee is looking at the school calendar and would like parent input. • Please bring any input from your PAC on changes • What they want or don’t want to see happen in our School Districts Calendar for next year. • District budget process; she is sitting on the Education regular instruction committee • Family Game-a-thon at Ruth King Jan 30 1 – 5 Games that promote literacy • Volunteer and code of conduct is being reviewed at the Standing Education committee 		
<p>10. Executive Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretaries and Safe arrival – Stef Parsons reported on the two events. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the safe arrival meeting it was brought up that all parent volunteers sign a privacy form / confidentiality agreement. <p>Action: that PACs talk about this issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Longstaff – Budget committee meetings- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sitting on Facilities and transportation committee ○ Spoke of Number of employees vs work order backlog ○ Work order system to be better utilized this year ○ Transportation funds not completely reported ○ Recycling could cost up to 20% more the first year if we want to go with a recycling and green approach ○ told the committee that this is about teaching a culture to our children, got agreement from parents present ○ The garbage and recycling contract is being renegotiated this year as it expires in Aug 2011 ○ The super wants to know more about recycling before contract is renewed. 		Members
<p>11. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wi Fi proposed motion – That SPEAC sponsor and run an event on Wi-Fi in schools – No one made the motion • Secretaries - SPEAC Brochure - Kelly(handouts) • Agendas - Stephanie - deferred to Feb 		
<p>Next meeting will be held at: Crystal View Elementary School, February 16 @ 7pm</p>		
<p>12. Meeting adjourned at 9: 50pm</p>	<p>(Millstream/Journey)</p>	<p>Carried</p>

President _____

Secretary _____

Date approved – Feb 16, 2011