



MINUTES
General Meeting October 20, 2010
Journey Middle school

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

	Motions	Action
1. Meeting Called to order at 7:01 p.m. Let the record show that there is quorum present. 22 parents present		
2. Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne Kelly VP - really enjoys the 6 – 8 configurations. Band program building quickly. Hoping to have a hockey academy, application in and some of the steps have been taken with the hope of having it running Sept 2011 		
3. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved as amended Move delegate reports before business arising <div style="text-align: right;">(Colwood/ Past president)</div>	Carried	
4. Approval of September Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As presented <div style="text-align: right;">(Colwood/EMCS)</div>	Carried	

6. Delegate Reports: Superintendent – Jim Cambridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings update- Lakewood, Happy Valley, Crystal View and John Stubbs are full construction sites now. Play space is a challenge. They each have an extra noon hour duty and the gyms are made available for lunch times • Modular work is moving forward on schedule • Will have a media event to celebrate the purchase of the property at the old Glen Lake sight. Hope for approval in the spring for new high schools to be built • 70 staff and admin took part on the high threat risk assessment training. Great training to help prevent violence • One Myth learned– that someone snaps, then does something violent, there is usually a long road before someone goes there. We want to learn how to recognize this road. • Protocols need to be created – life trumps privacy. If the SD has concerns about a student they should be able to attain 		
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<p>information on that student from other agencies if they are concerned about them. Currently that can be a challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to set a threat assessment protocol. This protocol is intended to keep kids safe. • SD 62 is at the beginning of this process. All partners will be invited in at some stage. • Lice – some schools have parents volunteering. VIHA is not dealing with it because it is not considered a health issue. • Spoke to Principals yesterday about lice checks. It was more controversial than he thought. Many principals would like help with this problem. • Jim would like to put 5 or 6 principals together with 5 or 6 parents chosen by SPEAC to develop a protocol for consistency in dealing with lice/checks in SD 62 schools. <p>Added Lice check working group to new business</p> <p>Trustee – Margot Swinburnson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees doing a retreat and looking at changing our district goals as a board. • SD 62 sent delegates to address the Provincial Standing Committee of Finance. Wendy Hobbs, Mayor Saunders of Colwood, Councilor from Metchosin, Superintendent, and Secretary/Treasurer attended and spoke to our great need for new high schools. • Margot will be attending a provincial council meeting of trustee. The minister will be meeting with them to discuss the 21st century learner. Feels it will be interesting and that there will be push back if it is not found appropriate. • Matrix report is being revamped. SD use those numbers often. • We will have student numbers at the next board meeting. <p>Colwood spoke about the need to stop putting the arts last in education and asked her to take this to the boards planning sessions</p> <p>STA – Paul Waterlander</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy beginning for the year, BCeSIS is still not functioning completely correctly. Time to lobby the ministry to allow at the least third party programs to be added on, that are not allowed at this time. Ask why we are trapped in a system that is not working • 21st century learning – cryptic messages from the ministry and government. We are still waiting for announcements and yet no one in this room knows what is going to happen from this announcement. • BCTF still having issues and waiting for the ministry to meet 		
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<p>to discuss FSA testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bargaining year is approaching. Working and learning conditions are tied together, Class size and composition are directly related to achievement <p>CUPE – Cameron Gordon-Findlay will talk to facilities about the light that is not working in this library ☺</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President asked Cameron to inquire about bear-proof or better garbage containers for schools with bears. • Millstream asked how to find out where we are on the list for work in our school yard. • How would a school find out where they are on the seismic upgrade list? Superintendent stated that there is a report every year on capital expenditures for our district and their position on the list. <p>Motion - to permanently moving the delegates' reports to before the business arising.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Willway/Journey)</p>	Carried	Secretary/ President
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<p>5. Business Arising/Old Business</p> <p>a. BCCPAC package – membership Is in the mail</p> <p>b. Meeting Locations and dates for this school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 8 - SBO • January 19 - Willway Elem • Feb 16 - Saseenos will ask about hosting/will let us know by email • March 16 - Poirier Ecole • April 20 - Happy Valley Elem • June 15 - Crystal View will look into hosting /will get back to us • To be posted to the SPEAC Website <p>c. VI Parents' Conference – parents wanted</p> <p>Send communication to VCPAC to introduce these parents as willing to help with the Vancouver Island Parent Conference in Feb 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Poirier/Journey • Carrol Pedersen /Saseenos • Rossana Pallot/ EMCS <p>d. C&B Review committee</p> <p>President feels we should occasionally review our Constitution and By-laws, she is looking for volunteers. EMCS suggested that parents read the current version and send suggested changes to presidents email address. The president will report back if she has any</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Crystal View/ Saseenos</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President</p>
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<p>a. SPEAC Reps to reach out to schools that are not participating in DPAC Terry had done some contacting. Targeting the schools that have a history of not participating</p> <p>b. Budget Discussion- Terry/Brenda – moved to November</p> <p>c. Wi-Fi in Schools- Stephanie Bring back to the January meeting and invite people from both sides. Invite IT persons from District to tell us the positives to wireless along with alternatives.</p> <p>d. Parent Involvement Envisioning moved to December</p> <p>e. Lice committee with Principals – Motion that SPEAC participate in this group to form the Lice check protocol.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Willway/Millstream) Colwood opposed</p> <p>Take back to your PAC and let us know if anyone is interested to participate.</p>	Carried	<p>Treasurer/ President/ Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Members</p>
<p>Next meeting will be held at: Ruth King Elementary School November 17 – 7pm</p>		
<p>12. Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(EMCS/Willway)</p>	Carried	