



**MINUTES – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ School Board Office**

Chair: SPEAC President Brena Robinson  
 Minutes: Acting SPEAC Secretary Yvonne Sundby

Agenda Item	Motions	Action
<p><b>1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm</b>            Brena led an icebreaker at the beginning of the meeting followed by acknowledging we were gathered in the Traditional Territory of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. She further acknowledged the other three First Nations in which SD62 works with.  <b>Let the record show that there is quorum present.</b></p>		
<p><b>2. Approval of the Agenda</b>            ❖ Additions: End of Year Summit added under Upcoming Events</p>	CARRIED	
<p><b>3. Approval of November Minutes</b>            ❖ Not available – will be for February’s meeting</p>		
<p><b>4. Business Arising/ Old Business Updates</b>  <u>a) Committee reports:</u>  <b>I. Education Standing: Yvonne S &amp; Brena R:</b> A new BAA course was presented by Dawn Anderson, Foundation's of Learning 11. The idea behind this course is to teach Learners to engage, explore, construct, create, design and communicate to broad audiences and communities. Also, should the District allow companies to Advertise / Sponsor teams or events.  <b>II. Emergency Preparedness: Melanie A:</b> The committee has not met this month. Watch your emails for a Doodle Poll for upcoming dates. Melanie is working to secure dates with Experts to Discuss the importance of Emergency Prep., and costs associated with preparing kits for schools. She is hoping the Board of Education will participate. It was suggested by Tim H that she check out Christ Church's website, they have an extensive list; also contact CUPE's Health and Safety person Allyson (?). Janine B, mentioned David Strange, is hoping to have an Emergency Release Drill completed by all schools this calendar year.  <b>III. Healthy Schools: Cindy A not present, but Janine B., spoke about what's happening in our district.</b> Mark your calendars - May is Mental Health month! Two events - 1) May 8, 2017 at SJ Willis is a Mental Health Conference focusing on Student Health. 2) Early May (date TBA), 2017 Teen Talk - "How to Balance our Minds" located at the Field House (West Shore Recreation). Professional speakers discussing Mental Health and Healthy transitions to equip children to the next level of learning at post-secondary education. Anaphylaxis - the Board of Education is looking at better ways to address the anaphylaxis child while riding on school buses, attending field trips, or volunteering at a school events.</p>		



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<p><b>b) Upcoming Events:</b></p> <p><b>I. Vancouver Island Parent Conference (VIPC): Brena R.</b> This year's event is being held at Royal Bay Secondary on Saturday February 25, 2017. Please check website for speakers &amp; to register at: <a href="http://www.vipc.ca">www.vipc.ca</a>. SPEAC approved two tickets per school, Brena will be sending out codes for schools, if you registered with SPEAC at the start of the year. The Early bird price is \$100 includes lunch &amp; refreshments. <u>Early bird deadline is February 10th.</u> Deadline to register is February 17th, 2017 and the cost increases to \$140. On another note: VIPC may have to move this amazing event back to Spectrum school as the cost to run the event is over double in our district vs Victoria's</p> <p><b>II. SPEAC Summit: Yvonne S.</b> Wednesday June 14th, 2017 at Royal Bay Secondary. SPEAC will offer each school 2 tickets to this event. Additional tickets can be purchased for the cost of the catering. A catered dinner is provided and great prizes are given out. PAC's are encouraged to endorse a parent(s), who have made a difference at their school. SPEAC will be recognizing these individuals at the Summit; PAC's please make sure to bring them. More information to follow.</p>		
<p><b>5. Education Partner Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Trustee: Neil P,</b> The district is looking to purchase property to build more schools. If you know of a property, please contact the district office.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Why hasn't a new school been built in Sun River? <b>A:</b> The population in Sun River doesn't have enough <i>children</i> living in it to support a new school.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Don't Developers have to set aside a certain portion of their land for schools? <b>A:</b> Developers pay into a fund and /or set aside parcels of land to be used in the future for schools. Unfortunately, this is not wildly governed by anyone. Due to the high demand for Nature K, Sasseeno's will offer it September 2017. A discussion occurred regarding Nature K as Victoria closed their program.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> After the children finish Nature K, do they remain at Sangster or do they move back to their catchment school? <b>A:</b> They move back to their catchment school.</p> <p><b>Superintendent &amp; PVP: Janine B,</b> District VP of Student Services Janine B apologized for David Strange's absence. As mentioned above, Dave S would like to implement Emergency release drills by the end of this calendar year for all levels of education. He is meeting with all levels of administrators tomorrow to discuss. STA will be changing their contract language, due to the supreme court's decision. Most of the new funding coming in, is for hiring new teachers in Middle &amp; High school classes. If a classroom is not available to reduce the size of the class, STA may place two teachers in one classroom.</p> <p><b>CUPE 459: Tim H,</b> Facilities spent a substantial amount of their budget de-icing school grounds. <b>Q:</b> Royal Bay Secondary's sidewalks are extremely slick, who</p>		



<p>is responsible for laying the salt? <b>A:</b> Administration salts the sidewalks and entry way. Facilities has one salt truck to maintain our district schools. A new wing will be added onto Ruth King, but no new heating system. Journey, John Muir, and Spencer received new boilers.</p>		
<b>nutrition and stretch break</b>		
<p><b>6. Executive Report: Brena R,</b> Section 177 committee needs representatives. Next meeting is Thursday January 26, 2017 from 1-3 at the SBO. Section 177 refers to the School Act and it is being updated to outline the time frame in which an individual is banned from school grounds and to include and appeals process. The work is almost complete.</p>		<p>Email speacpres@sd62.bc.ca if interested in being on the Parent Advocacy Committee</p>
<p><b>7. New Business:</b> Brena met with Paul Block to discuss an old manual (25yrs old) that outlined steps parents can take when faced with a problem in their child's school. We agreed it needed to be updated and it would be great to have a one-page flow chart that outlined the questions/steps for parents. We would like to have two parents volunteer to be a part of this committee. <b>Health &amp; Safety Q:</b> A child came home from school with an injury, the child had fallen during lunch and banged its head. Parents were not notified at the time, it has been life altering, for the family. What or who should the parent talk to regarding incident. <b>A:</b> Check with the administrator or secretary. An incident report should've been filed the day it happened. If there isn't one, then have the parent speak to the Principal, they will speak with the individuals involved.</p> <p>SPEAC asked if parents would like to go back to doing educational topic's related to what their PAC's were interested in doing. Please discuss with PAC's what topics are important and let Brena know next SPEAC meeting.</p>		<p>SPEAC Reps. to let SPEAC know what topics their PACs are interested in hearing or learning more about.</p>
<p><b>MOTION to adjourn</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> 7 pm on February 15<sup>th</sup> at Ruth King Elementary: Kathleen King-Hunt is presenting.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>	