



**MINUTES**  
**Wishart Elementary school**  
**April 17, 2013**

**Chair: Stephanie Longstaff, SPEAC President**  
**Minutes: Michelle Winsor, SPEAC Secretary**

	<b>Motions</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Meeting Called to order</b> <b>Let the record show that there is quorum present.</b>		
<b>2. Presentation:</b> <b>The Force Society for Kid' Mental Health- Lisa Tate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resource in Sooke/Victoria area for parents who's child is going through any mental health issues- Keltie Center mentors children, helps finding resources, helps to navigate the school district and regional health system-the persons working with Force have already been through this with their own families- there are 2 hour parent workshops and the Friends for Life program for Teachers and Administrators-May 7, 2013 is Mental Health Day, any school can sign up for events-this resource is free to parents</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Approval of the Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions: PAC Pamphlet, Sangster School Garden  <span style="padding-left: 150px;">( Sooke/Wishart)</span></li> </ul>	<b>Carried</b>	
<b>4. Approval of March Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrections: <span style="padding-left: 150px;">(Colwood/Happy Valley)</span></li> </ul>	<b>Carried</b>	
<b>5. Business Arising/Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. School Calendar-2 year proposal</b>-Board doesn't want to proceed with this</li> <li><b>b. BCCPAC Resolutions-update</b>-handed out updated resolutions for BCCPAC conference/AGM</li> <li><b>c. BCCPAC Traveling-update</b>-7 parents will be travelling to the conference-still under budget by \$70.00</li> </ul>		
<b>6. Delegate Reports:</b>  <b>Superintendent – Jim Cambridge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting ready for next year, principal shuffles and staffing</li> <li>• <b>Budget meetings</b>-not expecting big changes May 13 public budget meeting-</li> <li>• Principals, Vice Principals and Teachers met with Ministry staff to get a view of curriculum reforms-getting student progress reports –customize learning</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sangster seismic upgrade</b> starting in the summer-the newer part has to be upgraded-won't be finished in the summer and students will be displaced for 4-8 weeks-Dunsmuir has been approved for next year and Ruth King the year after</li> <li>• <b>Dunsmuir Arts Evening</b> last night-was an amazing experience-the kids were fantastic</li> <li>• <b>Friends for Life program</b> has been taught to our teachers and they practice all they have been taught</li> <li>• <b>Chinese delegation</b> came to our district-One of the delegates is in charge of 60,000 children in one elementary district and each class has a class size of 50 kids</li> <li>• <b>New Schools</b>-met with Teachers union to discuss staffing when new schools are done-our district will have a cultural shift when elementary children move to middle schools ahead of traditional process-Teachers and District working together to make transition easier for everyone involved-projects are on time-Royal Bay school naming ideas is on the website for public suggestions</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions</b>-How many senior District staff are working on the new schools-Answer-Dave Lockyer is project manager, Dave Betts is the educator on the project, and the Principals of both schools</p> <p><b>Question</b>-Who is carrying the rest of the work load-Answer-the work load has been divided up between two persons, but there is work being left undone as the new schools are the priority</p> <p><b>Question</b>-is there going to be a split between the new schools where one school will be focused on academics and the other life skills programs Answer-no, both schools will offer high academic programs</p> <p><b>Question</b>-Will the resources to elementary schools be cut and given to the higher grades? Answer-the funding will be the same for the whole district</p> <p><b>Question</b>-Completion Days-the last 3 days of school, in Middle schools, dedicated to complete incomplete projects-Answer-junior high schools use to have exams on those days and it has been replaced with completion days</p> <p><b>Trustee- Bob Phillips</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wanted to point out that every student will be affected by the opening of the two new schools and the change in school culture-feels that the district is good as a whole and has good parental involvement</li> </ul>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Report-Your Brain on Nature-Eva Selhub, MD and Alan Logan, ND-the book is produced in Canada and is full of Canadian Research-the research is based on focus groups of one in the city surroundings vs focus groups in parks and then testing different levels of hormonal changes in the body -www.yourbrainonnature.com</li> </ul> <p><b>CUPE-Steve McDowell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Question</b>-Bus invoicing-why does the time vary between receiving invoices at the school after trips- <b>Answer</b>-will talk to Bev about that</p> <p><b>Question</b>-have drivers been asked their opinions about the new schools and driving busses in-<b>Answer</b>- yes they have been consulted about it</p> <p><b>STA-Patrick Henry</b>-report sent in by email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bargaining is still in a holding pattern, both locally and provincially, but we predict several impasses at both tables before June. Teachers are getting a bit antsy about reconfiguration in 2015, but other than that, it sounds to me as things are going quite well in the schools</li> </ul> <p><b>7. Correspondence –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCCPAC Conference/AGM booklet-yellow booklet with resolutions- do we need a separate meeting for?</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion</b>-That we hold a separate meeting to discuss BCCPAC resolutions (Sooke/Millstream)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIFI-using iPads in class-new information is out and have invited Tammy to the SPEAC meeting in June to present this information-iPads, in Victoria, have been banned from use in elementary schools-</li> </ul> <p><b>8. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>General balance: \$9052.74</b></li> <li>• <b>Gaming Account: \$2357.70</b></li> </ul> <p><b>9. President's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolutions for BCCPAC have already been discussed</li> </ul> <p><b>10. Committee Report</b></p> <p><b>a. Healthy Schools</b>-Meeting on May 8, 2013 7pm at School Board Office-about mental, physical and emotional health-contact Stephanie if you would like to help committee</p>	<p><b>Carried</b></p>	<p><b>Stephanie L.-set date</b></p>
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<p><b>b. Volunteer and Emergency Prep-</b>a policy change was presented to the board, and it is coming up for review again- SPEAC would like to see volunteers to wear identification labels when in the school-also would like Police Record Check area of the policy to be reworded and add a drivers abstracts to be done as well for parents who are driving for field trips</p> <p><b>c. Emergency Prep-</b>policy is done-the district has agreed to put minimal information on the websites that parents should know in case an emergency occurs-also, SPEAC's request for each school to do an emergency release drill once per year has been granted</p> <p><b>d. PAC Pamphlet-</b>this pamphlet will be used to inform parents what a DPAC does and how to get involved- -there is a booklet that goes into more detail and Anna would like help getting it finalized- contact Anna B. at <a href="mailto:road.anna@gmail.com">road.anna@gmail.com</a> if you have any ideas or comments</p> <p><b>11. New Business</b></p> <p><b>a. SPEAC AGM-nominations-</b>AGM is next month-list of positions are in the Constitution and Bylaws – need nominations and people to fill positions</p> <p><b>b. Darren Laur-</b>9 schools have booked him and we are coming to the end of SPEAC's funds-Upcoming dates around the district are David Cameron April 22, Metchosin Technical April 23, Colwood May 28</p> <p><b>c. Sangster Garden-</b>some parents wanted to go forward with a garden space at the school, but wasn't able to put something new in, they moved forward by repurposing some garden areas instead- parents went to the community and got everything donated-there are now 8 garden boxes at the school-one parent from each class is in charge of an area-if you want more information contact Dory T. at <a href="mailto:dorythuot@gmail.com">dorythuot@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>d. Recycling in District-</b>SPEAC would like to revisit the new contract for recycling in the schools and get schools recycling all that they can</p>		
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Next meeting will be held on May 15, 2013 at School Board Office at 7pm		
Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm	(Sooke/Wishart)	Carried