

**DRAFT MINUTES
School District of 7pm
December 11, 2013**

Chair: Dory Thuot, SPEAC President
Minutes: Yvonne Sundby, SPEAC Secretary

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1. Meeting Called to order – 7:05 pm		
<p>2. Presentation: Christine McGregor Restitution in our district:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent education night with Judy Anderson – Restitution February 20, 2014. • Diane Gossen started Restitution and worked with William Glasser & Choice Theory. • Restitution is about keeping students connected and self-regulation. • Principles of Restitution revolve around the Basic Needs Circle: Belonging, Power, Fun, Freedom = Survival. • Asking questions to get kids back on track instead of telling them what they should be. How can I help you solve this problem? <p>Comment: Each school has a Restitution tool kit that PACs could look at. Another possibility would be to create a pamphlet for parents.</p>		
<p>3. Approval of the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: • Correspondence from Spencer school, concerning field trip information. • Adding Christine McGregor as a presenter. • Moving SPC & BCCPAC topics to Presidents report. <p style="text-align: right;">(Dunsmuir/Wishart)</p>	Carried	
<p>4. Approval of October Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections: <p style="text-align: right;">(Willway/Sooke)</p>	Carried	
<p>5. Business Arising/Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Survey's – The district only does Exit Surveys with high school students, but not Elementary or Middle. Comments were made that this is an inconsistent practice in all students leaving a school should be presented with a Survey – move to new business. 		

<p>b. Anaphylaxis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents with concerns have asked for a Policy & procedures to be unified throughout SD62. • David Strange had brought the policy to Ed Standing for review. • SPEAC may form a committee – Stef P and Danielle D will be on the committee. Letter to go out in January asking schools for their input. • Some information has been received by district concerning anaphylaxis in schools. <p>c. Safe Arrival - John Stubbs sent a letter stating their PAC is not participating in Safe Arrival anymore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPEAC asks that SPEAC reps discuss Safe Arrival with their PACs. <p>d. Thought Stream – Results are in and will be emailed to SPEAC reps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some results showed parents would like more parent education and greener schools. <p>e. Food Safe - was cancelled due to low enrollment.</p> <p>f. VIPC – Stephanie L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codes are available to all Schools that are Members of SPEAC. • Registration is filling up. • Breakfast & Lunch • Costs only \$75. <p>6. Delegate Reports:</p> <p>Superintendent – Jim Cambridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District is moving forward with the Visioning process, it will be combined with two other processes that are happening in our District. • District is evaluating all courses and academies. They have also created a committee to review and standardize aspects of SD62 Academies. • District is trying to create a simpler way for parents and students to navigate course selections. • Nature K for Sangster was approved. There 		<p>Stef P/Danielle D</p>
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<p>may be more Nature K's in the coming years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District is looking into splitting the district into Three family groups instead of the current two zones. Royal Bay, Belmont, Edward Milne Community School. <p>Correspondence from Spencer was brought forward to Jim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents of Grade 7 (200 students) would like to know why they need to attend an information meeting, instead of just signing a waiver. <p>Answer – Jim would like to look into it.</p> <p>Trustee - Neil Poirier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that board is joining their initiatives to the districts. • Board attended BSTA which is a conference on student leadership; district student counsels from Vancouver and Sunshine Coast were in attendance. • The possibility of having more Student involvement at District level is very appealing • Question: Do students need to get board approval to form a district group. Answer: No. <p>SPVP- Scott Manning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student governance & restitution. Students taking ownership of their actions. Empowering kids to resolve their own problems. • Appreciate everything that PACs and SPEAC does for our schools communities. • Merry Christmas! <p>CUPE – Steve McDowell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratification of the CUPE contract. • Elections this weekend • Wishing all of us a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! • Last meeting for Steve 		
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<p>7. Correspondence –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spencer’s email - was discussed under Superintendent’s Report • John Stubbs – letter re VIPC - Would like SPEAC to set up a separate coupon code for their parents who are attending the conference as they have decided to subsidize the cost of the entrance fee. They were advised to contact VIPC directly. • Christmas card from district. 		
<p>8. Treasurer’s Report –Teresa M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie rescinds her adoption of last month’s budget. This is to allow everyone to look at the budget and then it will be approved at January 2014 meeting. • General account: \$5, 597.60 • Gaming Account: \$1 806.99 • Purchased new microphone for SPEAC meetings 		
<p>9. President’s Report – Dory T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPC night – was such a great response from everyone who attended. • BCCPAC - Lots of feedback, positive response. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC education plan was discussed. BC Education Plan is available online if parents wish to get involved. • New Student SPEAC rep from Belmont <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visioning Day Workshop - Dory suggested it would have been beneficial to the process to have had more than one representative from each stakeholder group at the vision session. • Swatti S. has put her name forth to work with Dory T at the next level of the Visioning Process. • All parents are welcome to attend Board meetings or book time to talk to Jim Cambridge. • Dory T also discussed a new format to the monthly SPEAC meetings incorporating parent education at the beginning of the meetings. New start time 6:30 pm. 		<p>Swati S– Dunsmuir/ Dory T - Belmont</p>
<p>10. Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Schools – Cindy A • Beyond the Talk - January 22, 2014 – workshop for parents on how to discuss Sexual Health with their children. • Vancouver Island Parent Conference - Feb 1, 2014. Deadline to register is January 25, 2014 • Restitution Workshop for parents - Feb 20, 2014 - Judy Anderson presenting. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you Stephanie L for putting the information on the website. • Stephanie L demonstrated how to get to the SPEAC website which contains all meeting and committee information. <p>Special Educational Needs - Stephen A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several parents were present at the first meeting and discussed goals. • January 28, 2014 – Back boardroom at 7pm - would like to invite more parents to attend, especially those involved in gifted programs. <p>Emergency Prep - No new business</p> <p>11. New Business</p> <p>a. BCCPAC Expenses- Motion to provide support for food costs at out of town conferences and meetings. (Dunsmuir/Belmont)</p> <p>b) Green school Committee – SPEAC would be working with District and student reps to create greener schools. Motion to start a Green school committee. (Belmont/Sangster)</p> <p>Committee Action: to create terms of reference</p> <p>c) PAC Fundraising Survey - Nothing to report.</p> <p>d) PAC school families – moved to January 2014 meeting.</p> <p>e) Social Media/Cloud computing/Personal Hand-held-Device Committee - SPEAC is looking for parents to represent SPEAC on this committee.</p> <p>f) Calendar committee – District is asking for two parent representatives for this committee - Michelle W and Stephanie L have stepped forward.</p> <p>g) SPEAC FaceBook page – persons having difficulty accessing page, SPEAC will look into it.</p> <p>h) Exit Surveys – continued from old business Motion to write a letter to Jim Cambridge recommending that 100% of students be given a survey upon leaving any school. (Belmont/Dunsmuir)</p>		
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<p>Next meeting will be held at Colwood School, January 15, 2014 6:30 Jim to Present Division of Strategic Education - 7pm meeting to start</p>		
<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm (Belmont/Spencer)</p>	Carried	