



**MINUTES**  
**General Meeting March 16, 2011**  
**Ecole Poirier Elementary**

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

	<b>Motions</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Meeting Called to order at 7:04 p.m.</b> Let the record show that there is quorum present.		
<b>2. Presentation:</b> Laurie Szadkowski Principal welcomed and told about Poirier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chad Dalrymple</b> EIT – Energy Manager</li> <li>• As the energy manager for the district it is his job to make sure we install energy efficient appliances</li> <li>• The District pays over \$550K annually for electricity</li> <li>• Sees all of the power bills, breaks them down by ekwh/m2 then compares statistics</li> <li>• He has been here for a few years and has set targets.</li> <li>• We have been decreasing the electricity consumption consistently.</li> <li>• Saved over 500,000 kWhs on the last two years. That is a cost savings of over \$30K and half of that went back to the schools that saved it.</li> <li>• Energy campaigns are happening in our schools – DC = Destination Conservation</li> <li>• BC green games 7 schools currently enrolled from our district</li> <li>• Voting for this year, ends this month.</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.bcgreengames.com">www.bcgreengames.com</a> you get 5 votes, you may have to register to vote</li> <li>• New Hydro Rate structure is costing the district increased amounts of money</li> <li>• Many suggestions were given to Chad on how to increase participation from the students.</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Approval of the Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions:</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(Hans Helgesen/Happy Valley )</p>	<b>Carried</b>	
<b>4. Approval of February Minutes</b> <p style="text-align: right;">(Poirier/Willway)</p>	<b>Carried</b>	
<b>5. Business Arising/Old Business</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Technology in class room and who is paying for it in your school?</li> </ol>		

<p>Jim Cambridge informed us that the district is working on an audit and a plan, so that all schools know what is planned for the future. So that PACs and schools will know what is coming and how it will be funded. Caution to PACs on spending funds on technology without having a plan for the future. SPEAC will be asked for input in the near future.</p> <p>b. Two week vs. one week spring break Still being discussed at the Standing Education Committee and will be discussed at the ECOW meeting next month.</p>		
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<p><b>6. Delegate Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Superintendent – Jim Cambridge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superintendent of Achievement, Rick Davis, visited and went over our data in for the district</li> <li>• We have the steepest trend for improvement for Aboriginal achievement in the province</li> <li>• Gender gap has been eliminated in the last few years</li> <li>• Because boys have improved while girls stayed successful</li> <li>• He feels this happened by keeping the discussion going on the ground level</li> <li>• Need more focus on Middle school Mathematics</li> <li>• Recycling – The contract is up, we will be including plastic recycling in our future contract, this will cost</li> <li>• Jim started a blog yesterday, informal, fast bits of information. His first blog was about the editorial in the T/C about Belmont Secondary</li> <li>• Chair of the board will be asking to meet with the new Minister of Education, possibly the Minister of Finance also.</li> </ul>		
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<p><b>CUPE: Cameron Gordon-Findlay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign problem conversations</li> <li>• HV parking lot work timing questioned</li> </ul> <p><b>Trustee – Margot Swinburnson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impressed with the quality of this years budget process</li> <li>• Excitement about working on our vision for the future</li> <li>• Two great presenters from the BCSTA meeting are up on their webpage and can be viewed by all.</li> <li>• Asked by Dunsmuir to take Emergency preparedness into account when discussing budget.</li> </ul>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members suggested that a drill for picking up your children, in the case of an emergency, be put into practice annually.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>7. Correspondence –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCCPAC – Spring Conference and AGM April 29 - 31</li> </ul> <p>Motion – that SPEAC send two SPEAC Executive members to this event, with travel, registration and lodging paid by SPEAC, (applying for the bccpac travel subsidy for assistance) Based on Early bird rate. (Cost of approx. \$1100)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Journey/John Stubbs)</p> <p>Motion – that SPEAC reimburse Registration for 7 PAC members (one per school), whose schools are voting members of BCCPAC, to attend this event.(at \$350 each to a max \$2450).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(HH/Journey)</p> <p>Process to be determined by the Executive by email before March</p> <p>Would like to hold an extraordinary meeting to go over BCCPAC resolutions Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> at the SBO</p>	<p><b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>	<p><b>President</b></p> <p><b>President</b></p>
<p><b>8. Treasurer’s Report – Terry Absent</b></p>		
<p><b>9. President’s Report - Brenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to draft a letter to the new Education Minister to support the two new schools from SPEAC.</li> <li>Encouraging parents to send letters also.</li> <li>Volunteer policy has been brought back in draft.</li> <li>One of the areas of concern are the criminal record check</li> <li>That is being left up to the principals discretion at this point</li> <li>Need parental in put on this</li> <li>Draft Fee schedule for September 2011 has been presented</li> </ul>		<p><b>Members</b></p>
<p><b>10. Executive Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominations committee – Contact Karen if you are interested in taking on a position</li> <li>Lice – meetings happening, next one March 31, 3:30 @ SBO</li> <li>Belmont bursary – well attended – they have a great voucher program that helps assure the fund are used for education</li> <li>Food safe – April 16. Register through Westshore learning</li> </ul>		
<p><b>11. New Business</b></p> <p><b>a. Academy Fees/funding</b></p>		<p><b>Members</b></p>
<p>Next meeting will be held at Happy Valley Elementary School April 20 Extraordinary meeting April 21, SBO</p>		
<p><b>12. Meeting adjourned at 9:36</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(John Stubbs/Happy Valley)</p>	<p><b>Carried</b></p>	