<p style="text-align:center">**P**arents' **A**dvisory **C**ouncil (PAC)
General Meeting Minutes
Belmont Secondary School</p>

<p style="text-align:right">February 9th, 2016</p>

1. Call to Order/Introductions
6:34pm

2. Approval of Agenda
Moved/Pritchard   **Seconded/**Keoughan   **Carried**

3. Approval of January minutes
Moved/Keoughan   **Seconded/**Pitroff   **Carried**

4. Old Business
Darwin – will still be receiving requests for funds, hold off on spending until we get those requests, more in Treasurer report

5. "Emergency Preparedness" – the development of earthquake plan
Miller – still on hold until grounds are done. Will need a container set up, need grounds completed before that.
Question? Any supplies from old Belmont
Miller: No, did not have a container at old Belmont

6. Correspondence
Received a bank statement

7. Reports
A) Principal's Report
Miller: -academy budgets need PAC approval, school board has approved. Policy on Academy budgets, if there is a surplus (ie. Charged more than was used) it will go back to the families that paid that year. Hockey fees have gone down. Academies at Belmont are less expensive that other schools.

Motion: to approve all academy budgets as presented.
Moved/Pritchard   **Seconded/**Lemmen   **Carried**

Miller: Course selection is starting and will run through first week of March. School visits from Spencer and Stubbs coming up. Open house for community is Feb 17th. Trying lots of new programs aimed to keep kids in the community. Report cards went home today. April PAC meeting will talk about satisfaction survey and school goals.

B) President's Report
Younger sends regrets, report read by Sieben
Will be confirming speaker for March meeting in next few days. Pleased with Goldstream Gazette write up on Model U.N. SPEAC hosting a conversation on the new curriculum March 2nd. Food safe training March 5th, email SPEAC for more info.

C) Treasurer's Report
Darwin: All requests within budget have been funded. Have a few requests to vote on tonight and suggest we move some funds around based on how departments are requesting money. For example, we have an Officiating budget but those costs have been included in other requests. The budget this year is based on last years numbers so this is a learning year.

Darwin cont'd: Received funds from Colwood Elementary ($280) and David Cameron ($750) a possible $250 coming from Crystalview.
Funding request, some have been declined as they do not meet criteria (mainly they were not strictly extra-curricular)
Finance Requests:
Cheerleading has requested $1150 for pom poms – discussion
Motion to approve request for $1150
Moved: Bressan   **Seconded:** Armstrong   **Carried**

Boys Volleyball request for $320.54 for jerseys – discussion
Motion to approve request for $320.54 from misc. funds
Moved/ Bressan   **Seconded/**Lemmen   **Carried**

Music request for $609.11 for a 2 day weekend retreat – discussion
Motion to approve request for $609.11
Moved/Armstrong   **Seconded**/Darwin   **Carried**

Basketball request for $500 from Officiating budget line – discussion
Request declined, basketball has received their budgeted funds for this year.
Discussion on what to do with Officiating budget line as most departments are including officiating in their requests already.

Motion to move $807.27 from Officiating to Miscellaneous in the budget
Moved/ Keoughan   **Seconded**/ Armstrong   **Carried**

D)SPEAC Report
SPEAC Meeting Minutes January 20, 2016
Melanie Armstrong – SPEAC Rep
New Healthy Schools Website – the school board is working on a new healthy schools website which will feature teachers and kids from schools around the district.
Healthy Schools Committee Meeting – 7:15pm on February 17th at the School Board office, they welcome any who would like to join their group.
Emergency Release Drill – will be conducted at some point this year in every elementary school, so if you have a child in elementary school please remember to add to their school's emergency contact list the names of anyone who would be permitted to pick up your child in an emergency such as an earthquake.
Skate Park Plans? – as yet no site has been chosen for a new skate park to replace the one at the old Belmont. SPEAC will be writing a letter to the City of Langford and the City of Colwood to express our support in finding a new location as soon as possible.
Curriculum Discussion Night – tentatively on March 2nd from 7-9pm there will be an open discussion night for parents and all interested people to discuss the new school curriculum. I'll provide the location once it's determined.
Transportation Night Recap – On January 19th I went to the transportation meeting at Royal Bay and it was pretty fascinating. I counted 29 people in attendance, and half were presenters and representatives from the school board, Colwood and Langford city councils, BC Transit, the CRD, etc. It was clear from the meeting that the school board doesn't want to provide busing at all, and is only interested in finding ways to facilitate our children getting to school by alternate methods. Many excellent suggestions were made about improving walking and busing routes, using public transit, etc., but any discussion about finding efficiencies in the current school busing situation was put off until some future meeting.
        At our recent SPEAC meeting I pressed the School Superintendent on when we would have a meeting to discuss the school busing issues (which cost the district and parents over 4 million a year), and I was told, hopefully by the end of February. No date has been selected as yet, but they will post it on the school board website when they know. If anyone wants more info please get in touch with me.

New School Calendar – the proposed school calendars for the next two years are on the school board website. Please provide your input.
CUPE Update – Tim from the CUPE office spoke about some of the challenges they're having now that their old facility is gone.

8. New Business
A) Vote on financial request outside of approved budget – covered during Treasurers report
B) Prom Committee – tabled
Next Prom meeting is Tuesday Feb 17th at Royal Bay

9. Adjourn – 7:48pm
Motion to adjourn

Moved/ Darwin   **Seconded**/Armstong   **Carried**