

**Belmont PAC Minutes  
May 2 2018**

1. 7:02 pm Call to Order

Acknowledgement that we are on the traditional territory lands of Coast Salish, Esquimalt Songhees First Nations specifically

2. Introductions – we had a Spencer Parent join us! Welcome Salome Crowely.

3. Approval of Agenda: Moved/Pritchard, seconded/T. Darwin. Carried.

4. Approval of April 10, 2018 Minutes: Moved/Sieben, Seconded/Pritchard. Carried.

5. Current Business: Gaming Grant Submission – Kelly checked into doing it early – it was not up yet and will check again soon. It is his hope to have this completed by end of June. Year End report which is not due till September, will be completed by June. This is Kelly and Tarra's last year on executive and it is their hope to leave things clean for the incoming executive.

No request for funds.

Question from Lamond regarding how the Gaming money is allocated in regards to Athletics. K. Darwin gave a brief outline of how it has been done the past 3 years since the PAC took the funding over from the Athletics society.

Question to Lamond from Sieben asking about the Fee Schedule envelope that is usually approved by PAC prior to going to the Board. PAC was informed the fee schedule already went to the Board in March.

6. Reports:

Principal's Report: Lamond's report

April 16 – We welcome a cohort of UVIC student teachers

April 18 – Report Cards went home

April 19 – Student conferences, Parent Teacher Interviews 624 appointments

Discussion took place regarding Parent's thoughts/views on how the setup was, appointments vs. drop in etc. Varying views. Parents of kids who struggle prefer engaging with teachers on their own. Some voiced concern about being so close to other interviews however the 'big gathering' format came from history of potential volatile situations when sequestered in rooms and things get heated.

April 21 – Belmont's Mock Trial Team competed at UVIC

April 23 to 25 – Greater Victoria Dance Festival

April 25 to May 1 Belmont Women's 7s competed at Sanix International 7s Tourney in Japan

May 1 to 6 – Band Trip to Calgary

May 3 – We recognize BC Jeans Day in support of BCCH  
May 4 – Pro D Day & May the Forth Be With You!  
May 10 – Salmon Bake for our foods classes  
May 15 – Valedictorian selection  
May 17 – Victoria Symphony Orchestra hosts concert for SD62 Elementary Students  
May 21 – Victoria Day  
May 27-31 A Street Car Named Desire this semester's major Drama production  
May 29 – Commencement rehearsal at UVIC for grade 12s  
June 2 – TED X hosted at Belmont more info to come!  
June 5 – PAC Meeting  
June 6 – French Immersion Grad Recognition

Exciting news: We have received notice we will have access to the 2 Camosun College classrooms and 2 portables over the summer to help alleviate the pressures of a school at capacity.

7 new cafeteria tables have been added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Up to a dozen hallway benches will be installed for more paces for students.

SPEAC Report: M. Pritchard reported:

SPEACs VP of communications has stepped down so there have been delays in getting info out;

PAC summit dinner will be on June 4th RSVP through eventbrite. Each PAC gets two nominations.

BCCPAC Resolutions are up on the website. SPEAC met for four hours on the weekend to review and discuss positions on the motions. Ravi Parmar Trustee reported that capital funding from ministry of ed has been approved for a number of projects including the approval of the Royal Bay expansion for 2020. District is also working with Royal Roads and Advanced Ed Minister Mark Martin exploring expanded post-secondary offerings on the Westshore.

After an article in the Goldstream gazette citing that schools are woefully unprepared with emergency planning, the district has finally tasked staff with looking into the issues according to Parmar. SPEAC has requested an increase in funding from the district of \$1000 to cover rising budget costs.

Next SPEAC meeting is the AGM on May 23rd at the board office.

Treasurer's report:

T. Darwin: Just waiting for one cheque to clear. Everything else is done.

President's Report:

K. Darwin reported that he attended the emergency preparedness meeting and was very impressed. Felt that perhaps things were finally moving in the right direction.

7. Correspondence

- None

PAC is looking to get word out that we need parents to take on executive positions for next year's PAC as three of our current executive members are leaving. It was discussed that PAC would only elect a President and a Treasurer at meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> and leave the other positions open until the Fall meeting. Lamond will get word out to Spencer and John Stubbs and invite middle school parents to our June PAC meeting. Update May 2 – it appears we have a couple of people interested!

8. Emergency Preparedness.

Melanie Armstrong reported:

The SPEAC Emergency Preparedness Committee met on April 25<sup>th</sup> for a very successful presentation from Marketa Lund, emergency planning consultant for the Victoria 61 school district. She discussed the need for a robust and practical emergency plan that focuses on leadership, communication and coordination, and that goes beyond the perennial issue of collecting and maintaining emergency supplies.

In support of that initiative, school trustee Ravi Parmar has pledged that the board will direct the superintendent's office to form an emergency planning sub-committee which will be overseen by associate superintendent Stephanie Hedley-Smith, and include representatives from SPEAC's emergency preparedness committee, school administrators, members of emergency services groups, members of our town councils, students and parents, among others. The purpose of the committee will be to develop an emergency plan for Sooke62 that is both practical and regularly practiced in our schools. Ravi Parmar also discussed the hiring of a consultant to assist in the development of our plan.

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10. Motion to Adjourn: Moved/Pritchard Seconded/ T. Darwin. Carried

Adjourned: 7:46 pm