

## November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 SPEAC Report

I attend my first SPEAC meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>. It was at Dunsmuir Middle School. The meeting started at 7:00 and a break was approximately at 8:45. I left at the break, as I had a ride waiting for me. Here are a few highlights from the meeting.

- The Carl Principal of Dunsmuir gave us a tour of their special program rooms
- Agenda was approved
- There were no minutes available for approval
- Constitution amendment of fees was discussed
  - It was brought forward to vote on changing the constitution to read PAC's would submitted their application to the Director, and after approval would become a member without payment of fees
  - After comments, questions and answers, which **Stephanie Longstaff was able to give clarity on** as Georgina was not present at the meeting, a vote was called a couple of times in between discussions.
    - Some discussion was over loss of funds for the budget. This would be about \$1200 from 24 schools with a membership fee of \$50 each.
  - The voting members voted against it and it was **defeated.**
- VIP Conference
  - Vancouver Island PAC Conference is scheduled for February 7, 2009 @ Spectrum Middle School.
  - \$60 registration fee includes continental breakfast & light lunch, they are expecting 6-8 key speakers at this event
- SPC Meeting is scheduled for tonight, Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup> @6pm at John Stubbs.
- Delegate Repots
  - Trustee:
    - \$889,000 being put back in to the system from reserve
    - 32,000 of that is principal discretionary funds
  - Teacher Rep
    - A lengthy discussion on FSA
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  - Superintendent- Brian Fox
    - Opening up John Stubbs has taken away some enrollment from our other schools
      - Dunsmuir is down 100
      - Spencer is down 30

The Next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2008 at Belmont Secondary School. I don't know how much I got from this meeting, and if it is something that we want to attend still or not. Let me know if any of this is helpful information to you and we can decide what we want to do next.

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