



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SUNSHINE COAST BOARD OF EDUCATION
(SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46)
Held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: S. White (Chair), B. Baxter (Vice-Chair), L. Dixon,
D Mewhort, L. Pratt, G. Russell, C. Younghusband

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
G. Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer
C. McPhedran, Administrative Assistant

#101 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair White acknowledged the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Squamish Nation. He welcomed SIB Chief G. Feschuk, S. MacKenzie and E. Brooks-Wilson (DPAC), District Principal P. Luporini and CUPE Executive C. Smith, M. Baba and R. Emerson.

#102 Presentation

(a) Celebrating Education – District Literacy, S. Middleton

Sandy Middleton, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, provided a framework of the District Literacy Plan and explained how it links into the Community Literacy Plan. She reported that the District Literacy Plan gives a description of last year's activities and plans for the upcoming year. A District Literacy Plan is submitted to the Ministry of Education yearly.

Chair White thanked Ms. Middleton for her presentation. Trustees were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

(b) Breakfast for Kids, H. Gordon – Chatelech/Sechelt Community School Coordinator

Heather Gordon provided the history of "The Breakfast for Kids Program" which started thirteen years ago at Sechelt Elementary as a PAC initiative to feed hungry children in the morning. Shortly after, all schools in the district were participating in the program. Volunteer buyers, parents, staff and children support it. Some of the administration costs come from LINK Funding and the food dollars come from donations. She reported on a recent fundraising initiative that successfully collected

\$12,000 from local donations and an additional \$10,000 from an Ontario Foundation.

Chair White thanked Ms. Gordon for her inspiring report.

#103 Public Question Period

Chief G. Feschuk spoke to the Board and requested the following reports be sent to their Council:

1. Aboriginal Education Program
2. Consultation process that the Board has with the Sechelt First Nations
3. Targeted Funding for the Aboriginal Education dollars

Chief Feschuk said he was requesting these items in the spirit of moving forward. He also asked that a meeting be scheduled with their Council and senior staff. Chief Feschuk delivered a written invitation to the Board and senior staff to attend a Networking Workshop being held at the Sechelt Indian Band Hall on June 14, 2012. This invitation went out to local governments and all businesses on the Sunshine Coast to offer networking with the Sechelt Indian Band.

Chair White thanked Chief Feschuk for this invitation.

#104 Adoption of the Agenda

Chair White asked that Trustee Presentation be added to the agenda as 4(b).

1. MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the agenda or June 12, 2012 be adopted as amended.”

2. MOTION: Dixon/Russell

“THAT the agenda be amended to include under New Business 8(b) Discussion on Aboriginal Educational Programming and Targeted Funding.”

Discussion followed.

3. MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT the amendment to the amended motion state that the conversation on Aboriginal Educational Programming and Target Funding **be limited to a timed fifteen minute period.**”

Opposed: Russell
Carried.

The motion to approve the amended agenda reads as follows:

“THAT the agenda of June 12, 2012 be amended by adding Aboriginal Educational Programming and Targeted Funding under New Business as 8(b) for a time limit of fifteen minutes.”

Opposed: Younghusband
Carried.

(b) Trustee Presentation

Chair White presented Trustee Mewhort with a certificate acknowledging his twelve-year membership with the BCSTA. He noted that Trustee Mewhort is the longest serving trustee on the Board.

#105 Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

Chair White noted that on page 3 of the Draft Minutes of the May 12, 2012 Board Meeting, the line “*Trustee Dixon opposed the third reading*” should be deleted as this was not a motion.

MOTION: Baxter/Pratt

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2012, the Record of the Closed Meeting of May 8, 2012 and the Special Closed Meeting of May 15, 2012 be adopted as amended.”

Carried.

#106 Reports

(a) Executive Report

(i) Strategic Plan Update

1. 2012/13 Annual Budget Approval

Discussion followed with some trustees voicing concern that there was a lack of discussion after the SCTA and CUPE meetings in the spring regarding the budget. Trustee Russell recommended that Board engage in the process of discussion to which Chair White agreed.

Further discussion followed.

MOTION: Russell/Baxter

“THAT the School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2012/13 in the amount of \$38,721,598 be read for a third time, passed and adopted the 12th day of June, 2012.”

Discussion resumed. The following items were discussed:

- Decentralized Funding
- Library/Fine Arts
- Distribution of Unallocated funds

Trustee Baxter commented that the Board was midway through their Strategic Planning and she hoped that these items would be set as priorities for the next three years.

Opposed: Russell/Mewhort/Dixon
Carried.

(ii) Other Reports

1. 2012 District Literacy Plan

MOTION: Russell/Baxter

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approves the 2012/2013 District Literacy Plan as presented.

Carried.

2. June Report

Superintendent Bocking submitted the report as written and briefly spoke of a Parent/Teacher Communication Committee that would meet shortly. The committee would consist of principals, teachers, parents and the superintendent. They will discuss ways to communicate with parents about their children.

He also noted that in his report under CommunityLINK it should read ‘the process will be evaluated in **April 2013**’.

Trustee Russell suggested that a letter be sent to the Ministry asking for a longer Completion Rate in order to receive a Dogwood.

Discussion followed.

Trustee Pratt suggested the issue could be sent to the BCSTA Provincial Council for the October meeting and if it were not to be considered an emergent issue it then would go to the BCSTA AGM in April 2013.

MOTION: Russell/Dixon

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) resubmit the 2011 motion on Completion Rates to the BCSTA Provincial Council in October, 2012.”

Carried.

3. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report – Adult Education Funding Changes

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that Adult Education funding has changed and will create challenges. A partial list of courses which are funded was handed out and are attached to these minutes.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Russell/Dixon

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approves in principle the collection of tuition fees for courses taken by graduated adults which are no longer eligible for Ministry funding.”

Discussion followed.

Carried.

(iii) Information Items

1. Larger cheques issued in the month of May 2012
2. Expenditures by Object – May 2012

(b) Board/Committee Reports

(i) Chair’s Report.

The report was written in coordination with Trustee Baxter. Trustee Baxter also reported on the Sunshine Coast Reward Granting Ceremony that she attended where the following three district-related items received grants:

1. Ray Clayton, principal – Halfmoon Bay Community School Homework Program
2. Charlene Smith, Elphinstone student, Odd Squad Initiative
3. Sunshine Coast Alternative School – Marine Certification Program

(ii) Education Committee Notes – May 23, 2012

The report was submitted as written. The following recommendations were made:

1. MOTION: Younghusband/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) writes a letter of support for the educational programs located at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens.”

Carried.

2. MOTION: Younghusband/Mewhort

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) invites Paddy Wales to provide a presentation about the educational programs available at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens at an upcoming board meeting.”

Carried.

Trustee Younghusband reported that at the May DPAC meeting 30 plus people were in attendance. A round of applause was given to acknowledge the success of the DPAC this year. Meetings will resume in September.

(iii) Operations Committee Notes – May 17, 2012

The report was submitted as written.

The following recommendation was made:

That the Board writes a letter to the Town of Gibsons referencing the letter previously written regarding the Gospel Rock project reiterating any concerns, if any, that the district may have.”

Chair White commented that a motion was not necessary and he would write a letter to the Town of Gibsons.

(iv) LGBT Committee Notes – May 31, 2012

The report was submitted as written. Trustee Baxter gave a brief review and the following recommendations were made:

1. MOTION: Baxter/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approves Policy 3.18 Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity.”

Carried.

2. MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) keeps the committee as an Ad Hoc Committee to support development of the Educational Resource part of the roll out continuing into the fall of next year.”

3. MOTION: Younghusband/Mewhort

To amend the motion to read:

.....during its **implementation into the fall of next year.**”

Carried.

The amended motion reads:

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) keeps the committee as an Ad Hoc Committee to support development of the Educational Resource during its implementation into the fall of next year.”

Carried.

4. MOTION: Russell/Mewhort

“THAT the reports be received.

Carried.

#107 Correspondence

- (a) Minister G. Abbott – letter 154604 and attachment, May 16, 2012
- (b) Minister G. Abbott – letter 152338, May 23, 2012
- (c) J. Knauss – letter, May 3, 2012
- (d) E. Brooks-Wilson – letter, May 25, 2012

Chair White said that he would address the concerns of E. Brooks-Wilson.

(e) G. Nohr, SCRD Chair – letter, May 30, 2012

Chair White will follow-up.

(f) M. Morton, Project Mgr. Com. Resource Centre – letter, June 6, 2012

MOTION: Younghusband/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) responds to the Community Resource Centre to become a partner in their project of Financial Sustainability for Women.”

Trustee Baxter disclosed that she is employed by this project and therefore would not partake in the discussion or the vote of the motion.

Carried.

(g) J. Henderson, Mayor – District of Sechelt – letter, June 1, 2012

MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband.

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#108 New Business

(a) Regulations for Circulation and Draft Response form.

1. Regulation 4600 – Travel Expenses
2. Regulation 2760 – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

(b) Aboriginal Program

1. MOTION: Dixon/

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) initiate a meeting with Aboriginal Communities regarding Targeted Funding.”

2. MOTION: Baxter/Younghusband. (9:05 pm)

“THAT the Board moves to a Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.

Each trustee was given an opportunity to speak. The following suggestions were made:

- Have Aboriginal Education as a standing item on the Education Committee agenda.
- Have discussion with the Sechelt Nation to discuss Aboriginal Education with suggestions on how to move forward.
- Follow-up on the reports requested by Chief Feschuk.
- Talk about Aboriginal Education and leave staffing out of the conversation so that the discussion is about students and their learning.

MOTION: Mewhort/Baxter (9:25 pm)

“THAT the Board moves from the Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.

Discussion resumed and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Younghusband/Baxter

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) adds Aboriginal Education Program and Targeted Funding to the Board Working Session.”

Carried.

#109 Questions and Inquiries From the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

1. E. Brooks-Wilson voiced her concern over subsidizing Adult Learning. She asked the Board to think about how money that is already targeted for children in the system is used for children or adults outside the system. She also spoke regarding her concerns over decentralized funding.
2. K. Tournat, representing MLA Nicholas Simons, asked where the district stands with the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) regarding the CommunityLINK funding. Superintendent Bocking provided an update of recent meetings.
3. C. Smith thanked Trustees Dixon and Russell for bringing up the need for consultation with the union groups in the development of the budget. She also thanked the Board for using in-house resources for the Kinnikinnick field project.
4. C. Wood asked for the date of the next Working Session. (June 26th)
5. R. Emerson spoke about past history on school-based funding.

6. Chief Feschuk thanked the Board for the evening's conversation about dialogue. He stated that this is what the Sechelt Indian Band wants. He introduced Keith Julius as one of the newly elected Council members.

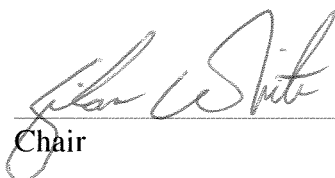
#110 Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on September 11, 2012.


#111 Adjournment

MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

There, being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer