



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SUNSHINE COAST BOARD OF EDUCATION
(SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46)**

**Held on Tuesday, March 13, 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

#69 Call to Order

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

Chair White acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Squamish Nation. He welcomed representatives of DPAC, E. Brooks-Wilson and S. MacKenzie; SCTA, L. Herle; CUPE, C. Smith and R. Emerson; Principals, K. Mahlman, D. Galazka, F. Thorsell and P. Bishop.

#70 Presentation

(a) “Youth Crime Prevention Program” – Charlene Smith

Charlene Smith, a student from Elphinstone Secondary spoke about the initiative that she has created which focuses on social issues that her peers are experiencing. She has set up student and parent presentations throughout the district.

Chair White thanked Charlene for her powerful presentation and said the Board has taken notice and is promoting the message.

(b) “School District No. 46 Music” – Music LSA – Sara Douglas

S. Douglas spoke to the Board about Music and its impact on our students. She provided a history of music in the district and what the program looks like now due to funding cuts.

Chair White thanked her for her presentation saying that it was brought to the Board at an ideal time as budget discussions for next year are just beginning.

Trustees asked several questions.

#71 Public Question Period

SCTA president, L. Herle thanked the trustees and management for visiting the protesting sites and said teachers appreciated the moral support. She requested, on behalf of the teachers of the Sunshine Coast, that the Board add Bill 22 to the evening's agenda as an urgent item. She also asked if the Board would make recommendations in a form of a motion or a letter to the Minister of Education stating some of the concerns the teachers have for Bill 22.

Chair White stated that under the item of Correspondence there would be an opportunity to cover this. He also said that there was a prepared motion that would be introduced at that time that.

#72 Adoption of the Agenda

Trustee Mewhort asked to add the motion to Correspondence item (b).

MOTION: Younghusband/Baxter

“THAT the agenda of March 13, 2012 be adopted as amended.”

Carried.

#73 Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2012 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of February 14, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

#74 Reports

(a) Superintendents Report

(i) Strategic Plan Update

1. Budget Process Consultation

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reviewed the Budget Timelines.

(ii) Other Reports

1. March Report

Superintendent Bocking presented his report as written and spoke about his participation as a guest at the SCPVPA's Professional Development. He then introduced Paul Bishop and Brenda Masich from Elphinstone Secondary School who were seeking Board approval for a Drag Racing Team.

Brenda Masich spoke to the Board about the proposal and said that in order to be a part of the Drag Racing Association a letter of approval from the Board is required.

Chair White explained that it's not common practice for motions to be made directly after a presentation but since there were no objections from Board members the following motion was made:

MOTION: Russell/Dixon

"THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) agrees to write a letter of support for the Elphinstone Drag Racing Team."

Carried.

Superintendent Bocking finished his report by announcing that the district would be participating in a 'Shake and Bake' drill on March 14th. The purpose for the drill would test not only schools preparedness but also the district's communication system so that if we experienced a large earthquake or any other emergency that we would be able to support the students efficiently through a good communication process.

(iii) Information Item

1. Larger cheques written in the month of February 2012
2. Expenditures by Object
3. Early Learning financials

(b) Chair's Report

Report as written. The following motions were recommended:

(i) MOTION: Russell/Baxter

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) represented by the Chair, Sechelt Indian Band Liaison, Superintendent and District Principal responsible for Aboriginal Education, directly engage the Chief and Council of the Sechelt Indian Band in discussions aimed at achieving a signed Enhancement Agreement between the parties.”

Trustee Dixon announced that she has had some positive feedback from the Council who are looking forward to these informational meetings. She went on to say that the Council members are interested in learning about the Board and being able to draw parallels between the two organizations.

Carried.

(ii) MOTION: Baxter/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) contact the Community Foundation to explore possible partnerships and opportunities between their services and charitable status of School District No. 46.”

Carried.

Chair White announced that the last of the Trustees' School Tours were completed earlier in the day and that all trustees enjoyed the chance to visit all the facilities and having a chance to see various programs first hand.

(c) Board/Committee Reports

(i) Education Committee – February 22, 2012 notes.

Report as written. The following motions were recommended:

1. MOTION: Younghusband/Russell

“THAT Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) contacts Julie Clark of the SCRDC to present to the Education Committee about the 'We Envision Plan' and environmental outreach education updates.”

Carried.

2. MOTION: Younghusband/Baxter

“THAT the Board strikes an Ad Hoc committee to gather input and make plans to address LGBT issues in our district and report back to the Board by the end of the school year.”

Carried.

(ii) Policy Committee – February 21, 2012 notes

Trustee Pratt announced that the Policy Committee had met for the first time since the November elections and presented the report as written. From discussions at the Policy Committee Meeting the following recommendations were made:

Trustee Pratt explained that the recommendation would delete the Policy Committee as a standing Committee and have it instead as an Ad Hoc Committee.

1. MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the changes to **Policy 1.7 Role of Board Committees** as follows:

Consequently, committees:

1.7.4 Shall have their agendas managed by Committee chairs, but every item must be either assigned by the Board, or by the Board’s agenda-setting process.

1.7.8 Shall include but not be limited to:

i) Education Standing Committee:

Terms of Reference: The Education Committee shall review and consider the governance of educational issues including curriculum, programs, assessment and student achievement. The Committee may, when appropriate, consult with stakeholders on the governance of these issues.

ii) Finance and Operations Standing Committee:

Terms of Reference: The Finance and Operations Committee shall review the district budget, proposed plans related to school sites and buildings and the Annual Facilities Grant; make recommendations regarding the Annual Capital Plan budget submission to the Ministry of Education; consider all matters related to community use of school facilities; and review levels of service and costs of our busing system.

iii) Trustee Honorarium Ad-hoc Committee

Terms of Reference: At the beginning of the second year of each Board's term, the Chair will strike an ad hoc committee to review trustee honorariums and the Committee shall bring recommendations to the Board on or before the regular Board meeting in March of that year.

iv) Policy Ad-hoc Committee:

The need for an Ad-hoc Policy Committee may be identified by the Board from time to time to review, consider, draft and revise specific policies and bylaws.

Deleted:

Policy Standing Committee

Terms of Reference: The Policy Committee shall draft revisions to existing policies and bylaws, review draft regulations prior to receipt by the Board and present all such drafts to the Board for its consideration. By board motion, the Policy Committee shall be directed to draft and revise specific policies and bylaws. The Committee shall maintain a constant, orderly review of all Board policies.

Discussion followed with Trustee Dixon and Trustee Mewhort voicing their concerns with the recommendation. With the shortage of time, it was suggested that further discussions was required at a committee meeting or a working session.

2. MOTION: Baxter/Russell

“THAT the Board refer item 74(c)(ii)1 – **1.7 Role of Board Committees** and item 74(c)(ii)3 – **Bylaw 10.0 Voting** and **Bylaw 12.0 Committees** back to the Policy Committee for further discussion.”

Opposed: Trustees Dixon/Mewhort
Carried.

(iii) DPAC Update

Trustee Pratt provided a brief update. The next meeting for DPAC is scheduled for March 27th at the Chatelech library at 7 p.m.

(iv) BCSTA Provincial Council Update – February 27, 2012

As presented.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#75 Correspondence

- (a) Minister G. Abbott – Reference: 152760 – February 24, 2012
- (b) Minister G. Abbott – Reference: 152938 – February 29, 2012

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing our concerns over the introduction of Bill 22.”

The Trustees were each given a chance to make comments regarding their concerns and it was agreed that the draft letter to the minister was the correct approach.

Carried.

- (c) J. Lauber, Chair – BC Retired Teachers’ Association
- (d) Sechelt Indian Band – February 20, 2012

MOTION: Mewhort/Baxter

“THAT the correspondence be received.

Carried.

#76 New Business

There was no new business at this time.

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

E. Brooks-Wilson asked that DPAC be added to the Budget Timeline discussions. She also asked if further discussion around the Policy Committee’s recommendation would be held at a public committee meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick confirmed that there would definitely be budget discussion with DPAC at their March 27th meeting. Chair White said that a Policy Committee meeting would be scheduled and the public would be invited to attend.


#78 Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on April 10, 2012


#79 Adjournment

MOTION: Baxter/Pratt

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer