



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

Held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013

At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

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

REGRETS: Trustee G. Russell

#106. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Chair White opened the meeting by acknowledging that it was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation.

#107. Presentations

a. Celebrating Education: OUTShine Conference – S. Strom and B. Dinsmore

Ms. Strom, Counsellor at Chatelech Secondary, introduced the OUTShine National GSA conference, which she attended along with Belinda Dinsmore and Alysha Monk, two student representatives from Chatelech and Elphinstone's Gay Straight Alliance committees. The conference took place in Toronto on May 17-20 and is part of a larger call to action to create safe and inclusive school communities. Miss. Dinsmore, president of the Chatelech GSA, reported back on several of the workshops that she attended and noted that she returned to her club with valuable information. She highlighted a Toronto student's campaign for gender-neutral washrooms and noted that the need may carry over to our school district. Miss. Dinsmore read a written submission from Miss Monk who was unable to attend the board meeting.

Chair White thanked the students for their pioneering and valuable work on their respective GSA committees.

b. District Literacy Plan – S. Middleton and B. Craig

Sandy Middleton and Bev Craig highlighted the goals of 2012/13 District Literacy Plan, which include:

- Creating a sustainability plan to carry out work after Ministry funding ends this year.

- Maintaining and expanding partnerships in the community with a successful online scavenger hunt.
- Supporting literacy in Pender Harbour.
- Supporting literacy for adults and seniors through special interest workshops that embed literacy into the programs.
- Supporting literacy for youth with the successful *Coast Reads* project that involved author visits to schools and public libraries.
- Supporting immigrants in collaboration with the SCCS Welcoming Communities program.

To conclude her presentation, Ms. Middleton presented an example of digital story telling to the Board. The project was a partnership with Capilano University and the Sechelt Indian Band, and was partially funded through the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition using funds received from Vancouver Sun's *Raise a Reader* campaign.

Chair White thanked Ms. Middleton and Ms. Craig for their presentations.

Trustee Pratt joined the meeting at 7:37 pm via teleconference.

#108. Public Question Period

There were no questions at this time.

#109. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Younghusband/Mewhort

“THAT the agenda of June 11, 2013 be adopted.”

Carried.

#110. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2013 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of May 14, 2013 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#111. Reports

a. Executive Report

i. Strategic Plan Update: School Development Plans

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report. He reported that all plans have now been received by the district and will form the topic of conversation at the Educational Leadership meeting of June 12, 2013. Superintendent Bocking will report back to the Board on achievement in December, once data has been received from the Ministry of Education.

Clarification was requested regarding common goals. Superintendent Bocking indicated that reading and social responsibility are common goals

for all district elementary schools, and improved completion rates is a common goal for schools at the secondary level.

ii. Other Reports

1. Superintendent's Report

Submitted as written. Superintendent Bocking emphasized the partnership with Capilano University and noted the list of activities that are being discussed with university staff.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to his written report. He highlighted the summer maintenance schedule and provided an update regarding the Gibsons Elementary School rebuild.

a. Regulation for circulation: Regulation 3070 - Anti-Idling

Chair White clarified that the regulation was incorrectly listed on the meeting's agenda and that the regulation is entering the circulation phase.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick introduced the regulation, noting that it provides additional details on the district's plans to reduce carbon emissions.

3. District Literacy Plan

Superintendent Bocking indicated that the District Literacy Plan is to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by July 15th, 2013. A motion to approve the plan was requested.

MOTION: Baxter/Younghusband

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2013/2014 District Literacy Plan as presented”

Carried.

iii. Information Items

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of May 2013

Submitted as written.

2. Expenditures by Object – May 2013

Submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written. Chair White highlighted the successful and well-attended Environmental Education Forum and thanked the Outdoor Education Committee for their hard work.

ii. Education Committee Notes – May 22, 2013

The committee notes were submitted as written. Trustee Younghusband reported that Mark Lebbell, the parent representative on the committee, is stepping down and noted the committee's recommendation that the board send him a letter of thanks for his work. She also reported that the June meeting of the Education Committee had been cancelled. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for September 25th and will take place at the Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre.

A suggestion was made to take a request to DPAC for a parent representative for the Education Committee for the coming school year.

iii. Committee of the Whole Notes – May 23, 2013

Chair White highlighted Superintendent Bocking's Implementation Plan Update and noted that his presentation is included in the meeting notes.

MOTION: Younghusband/Baxter

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) support the development of a Student trustee and District Student Leadership Team initiative for the 2013/14 school year.”

Trustees spoke in support of the motion.

Carried.

iv. Operations Committee Notes – April 18, 2013

The committee notes were submitted as written.

MOTION: Mewhort/Baxter

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) add 'Covered Bicycle Storage' to the Carbon Neutral Plan.”

Carried.

MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) review cross-boundary transfer procedures in regards to when a school is approaching capacity.”

Carried.

MOTION: Younghusband/Baxter

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#112. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

C. McCrone requested clarification regarding secondary school catchment areas for Halfmoon Bay students. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick clarified that while the online system shows the area as part of Chatelech Secondary's catchment, students in the Halfmoon Bay area can choose to attend Pender Harbour

Secondary provided there is room at the school. He also confirmed that transportation is provided to both schools.

A question was received about the tendering process and if the district supports local purchasing. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the district uses BCBid, which is available to anyone interested in public sector opportunities. Chair White indicated that the Board does indeed have a policy in support of local purchasing, where all else being equal preference be given to local vendors.

#113. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on September 10, 2013.

MOTION: Younghusband/Mewhort

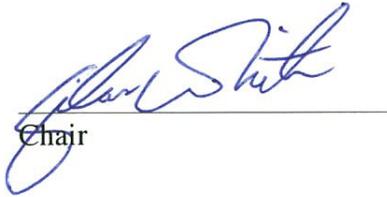
“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#114. Adjournment

MOTION: Baxter/Younghusband

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer