



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SUNSHINE COAST BOARD OF EDUCATION
(SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46)
Held on Tuesday, October 9, 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
E. Reimer, Administrative Assistant

#11 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

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

#12 Presentations

(a) Celebrating Education: Coast Reads – L. Clarke and C. Calder

Ms. Clarke and Ms. Calder presented on the Coast Reads program. The program, supported by the Sunshine Coast Literacy Council, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), Sechelt Public Library and Gibsons Public Library, will provide novel sets targeted to readers in grades 6 to 10 to participating schools and libraries with the goal of engaging readers and promoting a love of reading. The program will launch on October 22, which coincides with D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Day. Author C.C. Humphreys, will be speaking at Elphinstone Secondary, Chatelech Secondary and Sechelt Public Library on November 8 as part of the Coast Reads program. Additional information can be found on their website at www.coastreads.org.

The presenters responded to questions from the Trustees. Chair White thanked Ms. Clarke and Ms. Calder for their presentation.

(b) Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens – P. Wales

Ms. Wales presented on behalf of the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden. Information was provided on the gardens and how they might be used by School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) as a possible meeting location and as a possible

field trip destination. The society is hoping to engage teachers by promoting their garden as a place to “learn, grow, connect, experience, teach” in a natural setting. Their facilities include a vegetable garden, bee hives, native plant garden, indoor and outdoor meeting spaces with accessible paths, washrooms and buildings. The society would be open to hosting a “familiarity day” on a professional development day to introduce teachers to the garden.

Ms. Wales responded to questions from the trustees. Chair White thanked Ms. Wales for the presentation.

Chair White welcomed the audience and recognized those who were attending in a district leadership position as well as DPAC, SCTA and CUPE representatives. Chair White also welcomed Erica Reimer who will be replacing Colleen McPhedran as recording secretary.

#13 Public Question Period

There were no questions asked at this time.

Trustee Dixon took a moment to announce that it was the 26th anniversary of Sechelt Indian Band self-government. Chair White indicated that the Board had been invited to take part of the celebration but regretfully declined due to the scheduling conflict with the School District Board meeting.

#14 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the agenda of October 9, 2012 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#15 Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Baxter/Pratt

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2012 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of September 11, 2012 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#16. Reports

(a) Executive Report

(i) Strategic Plan Update

1. Five-Year Capital Plan

Agenda item was moved to after the Student Survey Prize Draw (#16 (ii) 3).

2. Technology Plan

The report was presented as written.

Superintendent Bocking spoke to the report, highlighting the importance of technology in teaching strategies and pointed to the next steps. He indicated that the technology plan would have associated costs that will be relevant to future budget discussion.

(ii) Other Reports

1. Superintendent's October Report

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report.

(a) Elementary School Report Card Templates

MOTION: Russell/Baxter

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approves the 2012-2013 report card templates for Kindergarten, Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-7.”

Discussion followed.

Carried.

An error was noted under number 2. a. DPAC of the Superintendent's report (pg. 15): the next DPAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30th and not the 23rd.

Trustee Russell requested clarification on funding for the Community Schools. Assistant Superintendent Kitchen indicated that discussion had taken place on funding for district programming, but that further discussion will be required.

A brief discussion took place regarding bandwidth issues at the elementary and secondary schools. Chair White suggested that a Technology Plan presentation be discussed at the next agenda setting meeting.

2. Class Size Report for September 2012

The report was presented as written.

Assistant Superintendent Kitchen provided additional information on class size and was pleased to announce that School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) has no classes exceeding the limits imposed under Bill 22 (Education Improvement Act) other than class types that are specifically excluded from class size maximums in the legislation.

A discussion followed.

3. Student Survey Prize Draw

Chair White conducted the prize draw for the annual survey of past graduates.

The prizes were drawn as follows:

First prize \$1000 – Carly Duff
Second prize \$750 – Alexandra Cloherty
Third prize \$500 – Devon Van Diessen

Superintendent Bocking provided statistical information on the characteristics and input of survey participants.

Five Year Capital Plan:

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick presented the Five Year Capital Plan Summary and provided information on the two new items listed (priorities 5 and 6).

MOTION: Russell/Baxter

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the Five Year Capital Plan Summary.

Carried.

4. Sechelt Learning Centre Update

The update was provided as written.

Superintendent Bocking provided a brief report on developments with the new Youth Centre to be housed at the Sechelt Learning Centre. Trustee Dixon recognized the work of the Sechelt Community Centre and Chair White recognized the funding provided from SCR D in support of this initiative. A Board resolution of support was requested in order to pursue *UBCM Community Connections* funding for desired capital improvements to the Sechelt Learning Centre.

MOTION: Russell/Baxter

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) supports the proposed reconfiguration of the Sechelt Learning Centre and the application for the UBCM Community Connections Grant.”

Carried.

(iii) Information Items

1. Larger cheques issued in the month of September 2012.

(b) Board/Committee Reports

(i) Board's Report

Chair White spoke to his written report, in particular the September 25th meeting of the Committee of the Whole. A discussion took place surrounding three proposed motions coming from that meeting, clarifying the “Role of Trustee” policy [1.5].

MOTION: Younghusband/Baxter

“THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) revise Policy 1.5 ‘Role of Trustee’ with the insertion of ‘This policy shall be recognized as the Board’s Code of Conduct.’ After the current sentence ‘The Board and Trustees shall operate in an ethical, respectful and professional manner.’”

A discussion ensued.

Opposed: Dixon, Russell
Carried.

Chair White noted that the DPAC meeting was well attended and was appreciative of the commitment from senior staff to attend the monthly meetings. Chair White also briefly reported on a meeting with Chief Feschuk where trades education was discussed.

Chair White requested input on what types of advocacy the Board would like to request in the planned submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. Suggestions included increased funding for Library and Music LSAs and increased funding in support of Fine Arts programs.

(ii) Education Committee Notes – September 26, 2012

Trustee Younghusband spoke to the Education Committee Notes that were included in the meeting package. She reported that two new people were invited to join the committee; Lenora Joe and Candace Campo. The October meeting will take place at the School Board office and the November meeting is scheduled at Chatelech Secondary.

Correction to the September 26th meeting notes: it should read “Dave Mewhort” and not “Dave Lewis” in the list of committee members present at the meeting.

(iii) Operations Committee Notes – September 20, 2012

Trustee Russell reported on the Operations Committee meeting that took place in September. He noted that the committee had discussed the possible reconfiguration of schools in Sechelt as a possible solution to overcapacity issues. The Board will be seeking input from the public in the future.

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#17. Correspondence

- (a) Minister D. McRae – letter Ref: 162098
- (b) Minister D. McRae – letter Ref: 162484
- (c) Minister D. McRae – letter Ref: 162437

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#18. New Business

(a) Administrative Regulations to be received.

- (i) Regulation 2760 – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
- (ii) Regulation 4600 – Travel Expenses

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the Regulations be received.”

Carried.

#19. Questions and Inquiries From the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

1. CUPE local President, C. Smith, requested clarification to a name listed on the “Larger cheques issued in the month of September 2012” report. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided a response.
2. C. Wood raised a question about the previously mentioned bandwidth upgrades at the elementary schools. District Principal Luporini clarified that the improved bandwidth is due to the service provider’s recent upgrades to their infrastructure.
3. S. Mearns raised a question about class size analysis and suggested that an analysis of the median rather than the average number of students would provide a more accurate picture of class size.
4. A member of the public indicated that she was happy to hear about the changes at the Sechelt Learning Centre. She also reported that Chatelech Secondary is hosting a Fun Fair on October 17. The proceeds from the event will be going to support the Breakfast for Kids program as well as the school band.

#20. Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on November 13, 2012.

The Operations Committee meeting scheduled for October 18, 2012 has been cancelled.

Trustee Pratt requested that BCSTA Provincial Council Motions be added to the agenda for the October 23 Committee of the Whole meeting.

LGBT Ad hoc Committee has a meeting scheduled for October 30, 2012.

MOTION: Pratt/Youngusband.

“THAT the committee agendas be approved.”

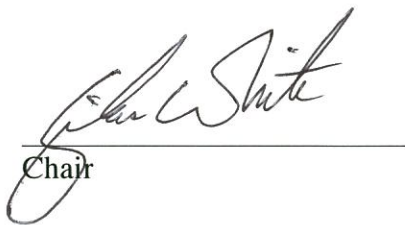
Carried.

#21. Adjournment

MOTION: Russell/Mewhort

“TO adjourn.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer