



**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES
Held on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
At the Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre, Madeira Park

PRESENT: Christine Younghusband (Chair), Betty Baxter, Silas White, Erin Brooks-Wilson, Lenora Joe, Greg Kitchen, Patrick Bocking, Phil Luporini, Marnie Baba, Carolyn Smith, Erica Reimer (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Louise Herle, Sharon MacKenzie

The meeting was called to order at 1:18 p.m.

1) Achievement Contract

Superintendent Bocking reported on the *2013-2016 Achievement Contract*, which summarizes the district's goals to support students in learning, provides data on past trends and summarizes plans to achieve those goals. The goals are as follows:

- *Early Learning:* To improve the literacy levels of incoming Kindergarten students.
- *Literacy:* To ensure that every student reads at his or her grade level.
- *Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement:* To increase the number of opportunities for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students engage in culturally based learning; and to increase the number of Aboriginal students graduating and transitioning to post-secondary, trades and training programs.
- *Social Responsibility:* To ensure all students feel welcome and safe in their school.
- *Completion Rates:* To improve the completion rates for all our students.

The committee discussed the data related to Aboriginal completion rates and requested clarification on the variation in Aboriginal six-year completion rates. Superintendent Bocking responded that data collected from smaller groups, as is also seen with the district's smaller schools, can show more variation and fluctuation than data collected from larger groups. He stressed the importance of looking at trends when evaluating the data.

The Achievement Contract will be presented to the board at the Regular Meeting scheduled for October 8, 2013 and will be submitted to the Ministry of Education after board approval.

2) Technology Plan

Phil Luporini, District Principal of Careers and Technology, presented the district's *Technology Plan* for discussion. He reported on the upgrades that took place during the implementation stage of the plan and highlighted improvements to the wireless infrastructure, bandwidth upgrades at Elphinstone and Chatelech, the replacement of the district's mail server, computer

hardware replacement for school secretaries, and the addition of two computer labs. District Principal Luporini also noted that the Teacher Laptop Replacement program was underway. The committee discussed the need for training and support for new technology and suggested that a policy regarding the use of social media be developed. It was further reported that all Wi-Fi appliances used in the district fit well within the standards provided by Health Canada.

3) Parent Engagement

Erin Brooks-Wilson indicated that DPAC would meet on Thursday, October 10 from 7-9 pm at Chatelech Secondary. Their first meeting was postponed to allow all PACs in the district to form. Future DPAC meetings are scheduled at Chatelech Secondary, on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 10, 2013
- Thursday, November 28, 2013
- ~~Thursday, January 30, 2014~~ *Correction: Thursday, January 23, 2014*
- Thursday, February 27, 2014
- Thursday, April 24, 2014
- ~~Thursday, May 29, 2014~~ *Correction: Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Chair Younghusband thanked Lee-Ann Ennis and Michael Jackson for their hospitality as well as the presentation and tour of the Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre that took place prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.