



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

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE NOTES
Held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.
At the School Board Office – Gibsons, BC**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Dave Mewhort (Chair), Christine Younghusband, Greg Russell
STAFF/OTHERS: Allyson Fawcus (DPAC), Carolyn Smith, Marnie Baba, Patrick Bocking, Nicholas Weswick, Greg Kitchen, Rob Collison, Erica Reimer (Recording Secretary)
REGRETS: Trustee Lori Pratt

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

Chair Mewhort requested that agenda item number 3 (*International Education Funding*) be listed simply as “International Education.”

1) Facilities Plan: West Sechelt Catchment Area

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick presented detailed information relating to proposed adjustments to the catchment areas for West Sechelt Elementary School, including the number of students currently residing in each of the four quadrants being reviewed. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick stressed that students currently residing and attending schools within these catchment areas would not be affected by any proposed changes, rather the numbers were being used as a gauge to determine areas with higher student population. After a discussion, the committee agreed that due to the level of overcrowding at West Sechelt Elementary a more aggressive approach would be best and suggested that the quadrants identified on the attached map in yellow and green should be transferred to the Kinnikinnick Elementary catchment area. It was further suggested that a portion of the purple area – from Norwest Bay Road to Oracle Road - should also be transferred to the Kinnikinnick catchment area. After reviewing various scenarios, it was decided that these areas would have the lowest impact on transportation costs, show a high potential for future development and seem to be popular areas for families with elementary aged children.

Recommendation:

“That the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) proceed with public consultation around the redefinition of catchment areas for West Sechelt and Kinnikinnick Elementary Schools.”

2) Frank Bragg Commemoration Update

Committee members discussed the Brad Steuart’s request to commemorate a 1932 donation of land to Gibsons Elementary and shared history surrounding the donation. The committee suggested several ways in which the donation could be commemorated, which included naming

the roundabout, the proposed community garden, or a field in honour of the donor, or moving and refurbishing the existing cairn. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that a regulation exists regarding the naming of school facilities and suggested that the guidelines in that regulation be adopted in consideration of this request. The committee agreed and made the following recommendation.

Recommendation:

“That the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) direct the Superintendent to initiate a process to honour Mr. & Mrs. Bragg by striking a committee and bringing a recommendation to the board.”

3) International Education Funding

The committee engaged in a discussion surrounding their involvement in International Education as it was suggested that aspects of the program could fall under the Operations and Education committees. It was decided that financial reports concerning the International Education program would be brought to the Operations committee upon request and the remainder of the conversation surrounding the program would occur at the Education Committee.

Next meeting (November 21, 2013):

- Facilities plan: Surplus space inventory
- Report back on Frank Bragg

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

