



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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES
Held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.
At the School Board Office – Gibsons, BC**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Christine Younghusband (Chair), Betty Baxter, Silas White
STAFF/OTHERS: Lee-Ann Ennis (DPAC), Louise Herle, Patrick Bocking,
Phil Luporini, Erica Reimer (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Trustee Lori Dixon, Carolyn Smith, Lenora Joe

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

1) Careers Education

District Principal, Phil Luporini provided a detailed presentation on careers programming within the school district. His presentation highlighted programming options that are currently being offered, barriers to career and trades education, support for students and a measure for tracking the success of the program. Mr. Luporini noted that the district is hoping to enroll 75 to 100 students in work experiences and/or secondary school apprenticeships in the current school year. The full presentation is attached to these notes for reference. Trustees and committee members engaged in a discussion surrounding the need for trades and career education. A request was made that the board be informed of changes related to trades and ITA funding for future advocacy.

2) Community Partnerships

Committee members discussed the need to plan and define what “community partnerships” mean to the school district. The committee requested a list be created that details current partnerships in an effort to become aware of those already in existence. Superintendent Bocking agreed to provide a draft list to a future meeting, including information on how the partnership benefits children within the school district. It was suggested that a small event to celebrate existing formal partnerships would be beneficial to the district and would demonstrate the school district’s appreciation of these partnerships.

3) Parent Engagement

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) appointments for the 2013/14 school year were announced:

- Co-Chairs: Allyson Fawcus and Erin Brooks-Wilson
- Parent representative to the Operation Committee: Allyson Fawcus
- Parent representative to the Education Committee: Lee-Ann Ennis
- Parent representative to the Healthy Schools Committee: Jo Thomson

Next meeting (November 27, 2013):

- Grad Survey
- Board Approved Course (Careers Exploration)
- Review of Existing Community Partnerships (Casual, Formal, Potential)
- Parent Engagement

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

What we offer now.....

30 hours towards Graduation Transitions course

120-240 hours of Work Experience

based on student interest(s)

Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA)

480 HOURS; STUDENT REGISTERED AS AN APPRENTICE WITH THE ITA

4 SENIOR LEVEL COURSES TOWARDS GRADUATION

ACE-IT (Accelerated Credit Enrollment in Industry Training) Apprenticeship Training

Students can receive 16 credits towards graduation AND Level 1 certification in their trade

CURRENTLY OFFERED: Carpentry, Professional Cook and Automotive Technician

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Are trades in demand?



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What are we doing in SD 46 to help our students?

Invest in a new Careers Facilitator

Advertise to our:

- students
- teachers
- parents
- community
- students / parents / counsellors

Consider adults in our ACE - IT programs

Involve the community in our plans

Careers Facilitator

Last year.....the secondary schools pooled their funds to hire a part time Careers Facilitator for a couple of months to:

- Develop a list of potential Work Experience placement opportunities for students
- Develop a brochure on our district Career programs

This year....the secondary schools pooled their funds to hire a 0.8 Careers Facilitator for the school year to:

- Meet with students, interview, counsel them and place students in Work Experience programs
- Promote all our Career Programs with students, teachers, counsellors and the community

Advertise to our students / parents / counsellors

Talk to our students via grade group meetings, parent meetings

Take students to VIU, Cap U, BCIT....etc...

Posters / Brochures in our schools

Local TV ad

Local Newspaper

Radio

Web

Talk to our students earlier (ie:grade 6)

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Consider adults in our ACE-IT programs

Challenges:

Cost recovery....around \$1500

Advertising

need for criminal record checks

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Involve the community in our plans

Public dialogue on Careers Education in SD46

January 22nd 6-8p.m. (tentative only)

Formation of a Careers Advisory group

How will we know if we are successful?

Set Targets:

75-100 Work Experience / SSA placements for this year

Make the Careers Facilitator position full time for 2014/2015

Start talking with our students younger about Careers

Career Days at the Elementary level (spring 2014)

Women in trades - guest speakers at the grade 6/7 level (fall / spring 2013 / 2014)

Run more ACE-IT programsmaking them more viable with adult students

Effectively communicate to our students, teachers, parents and community

Offer new programs (September, 2014)

BA Work Experience 10

BA Careers Exploration

We will know if we are successful.....

If more students start taking
Career Programs in SD46


