



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES
Held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
At the School Board Office – Gibsons, BC

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Christine Younghusband, Chair; Lori Dixon; Greg Russell
STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Greg Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent; Sharon MacKenzie, DPAC; Carolyn Spence, Principal; Erica Reimer, Recording Secretary; Jean Bennett, Dean – Faculty of Education, Health and Human Development and Sunshine Coast, Capilano University

REGRETS: Betty Baxter, Vanessa Clarke, Louise Herle, Carolyn Smith, Lenora Joe

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

1. Capilano University Presentation

Jean Bennett, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Health and Human Development at Capilano University provided the committee with an overview of the university. Ms. Bennett noted that the university's second draft of their academic plan is available for review at <http://www.capilanou.ca/about/academic-planning/>. Feedback is currently being sought on the draft plan. As part of the academic plan, the university is looking to strengthen connections with the K-12 system and work more closely with public schools to support the success of young people. Ms. Bennett noted that young students are often faced with an overwhelming number of career options. To alleviate the stress, some incoming students are advised to start with a "Cap Year" which includes a set of generic courses that fulfill the requirements of a number of credentials and introduce students to post-secondary learning. Students are also offered an opportunity to begin with shorter programs that feed into 4-year diploma programs. Superintendent Bocking asked how the district could better prepare students for post-secondary education. Ms. Bennett described a 6-hour "Parents as Career Coaches" course offered by the university that engages parents and provides tips on how to help young people navigate the many career choices that are available. She suggested that the district might consider engaging parents in a similar manner. She further suggested that students consider the academic choices they are making at the secondary level to ensure they have the proper credits to qualify for admission at the post-secondary level. Dean Bennett responded to questions from committee members. Copies of the Capilano View Book were distributed.

2. Safe Schools: Satisfaction Survey, Achievement Contract, McCreary Report

Superintendent Bocking indicated that the board and district places a strong priority on creating a safe learning environment for students. He reported that students in grades 4 and 7 and their parents have recently been invited to complete the Satisfaction Survey, which

among other topics poses the question: “Do you feel safe at school?” He noted that Superintendent of Achievement, DeDe LeRose, had also identified the question of safety at school as a key part of the survey. Assistant Superintendent Kitchen provided an overview of the McCreary Centre Society’s findings from the 2013 BC Adolescent Health Survey and compared findings that overlap with items identified as board priorities in the Strategic Plan. The complete presentation is attached. Overall, improvement was noted when compared to results from 2008 2013 BC Adolescent Health Survey. The committee discussed survey results as well as steps to improve communication and engagement with parents in the school district.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Next meeting: May 28, 2014

- Grad Survey Input

Summary of McCreary Health Survey 2013

Strategic Plan 2012-2015

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Student Achievement - expand Career and Apprenticeship programs

School Plans

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| • High School or less | 3% |
| • Continue Education after
High School | 79% |
| • Haven't thought about
it / Don't know | 18% |

Learning Environment – ensuring our schools
are safe & welcoming for everyone

Feel safe at a school

usually/ always

- In your classroom 95%
- In the washroom 93%
- In the changing rooms 92%
- In the hallways / stairwells 93%
- In the cafeteria 94%
- Getting to/from school 96%

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Learning Environment – ensuring our schools
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Feelings about school

	disagree	neither	agree
• part of school	9%	28%	64%
• happy at school	10%	25%	65%
• safe	6%	10%	85%
• trouble getting along with teachers	67%	23%	10%
• staff treat me fairly	8%	24%	68%

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Relationship-Building – advocacy to address
local poverty / social issues

Ate breakfast on school days

- never 10%
- sometimes 38%
- always 52%

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Most common reasons for not eating
breakfast at home

- don't have time 64%
- not hungry in the am 58%
- feel sick when I eat breakfast 22%
- nothing I like to eat at home 12%
- trying to control my weight 7%

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