



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

Held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: **TRUSTEES:** B. Baxter (Chair), L. Pratt (Vice-Chair), L. Dixon,
D. Mewhort, G. Russell, S. White, C. Younghusband,
M. Treuheit (Student Trustee)

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
G. Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Reimer, Administrative Assistant

#42. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Trustee White joined the meeting by conference call from Vancouver due to his involvement in provincial bargaining.

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

#43. Presentations

a. Celebrating Education: Chatelech / SIB / District Vocational Program – R. Biel

Chatelech Vice-Principal, Richard Biel, provided a report to the board regarding a recent and successful vocational program designed to support vulnerable aboriginal youth. The program was the result of collaboration between Chatelech Secondary, the SPIDER program and the Sechelt Indian Band. The program offers aboriginal students the opportunity to achieve 16 credits through hands-on experiential learning consisting of 240 hours of work experience (8 credits), three weeks of trades safety training (4 credits) and additional SPIDER online course work (4 credits). Students benefit from work experience, workplace skill building, trades safety tickets and skills and experience to build resumes. Vice-Principal Biel reported that students remained heavily engaged throughout the duration of the program with almost 100% attendance. Thanks were made to partners Salish Soils and Traumatech.

A copy of Vice-Principal Biel's presentation is attached to these minutes.

#44. Public Question Period

There were no questions.

#45. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

“THAT the agenda of February 11, 2014 be adopted.”

Carried.

#46. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#47. Reports

a. Executive Report

i. Strategic Plan Update: Early Learning

The report was provided as written. Superintendent Bocking indicated that presentations on Early Learning initiatives were also presented at the Regular Board meeting and the Education Committee meeting in January.

ii. Superintendent’s Report

A following correction to the written report was noted: Environmental Education will be on the agenda for the February DPAC meeting and Student Support will be discussed at the April meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Kitchen reported back on feedback received through the recent School Calendar survey. He also reported on a recent visit by international student recruiters. The recruiters indicated they were impressed with the schools and the local environment and saw a strong opportunity for international students. Assistant-Superintendent responded to questions from trustees.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

The report was presented as written. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick responded to questions from trustees.

Information Items:

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of January 2014

The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written. Chair Baxter highlighted that the addition of a student trustee to the board has attracted the interest of several school districts. A discussion regarding trustee visits to schools took place..

1. BCSTA Motions to Provincial Council

Trustees discussed the motions being presented at the upcoming Provincial Council meeting. It was noted that Trustee Mewhort would be attending the meeting in Trustee White’s place and that Trustee Younghusband would be attending as an observer.

Trustees discussed proposed changes to the fee formula and indicated that they do not support an increase in fees. Concern was raised regarding the increased number of committees and associated costs, however some support was made for the open discussion in those committees. Trustees indicated support of a motion regarding ferry service submitted by SD50 (Haida Gwaii). It was suggested that the motion be amended to include all ferry dependent areas.

2. Draft Motions to 2014 BCSTA AGM

Trustee White indicated that substantive motions to the BCSTA AGM must be submitted by February 23 and reviewed the draft motions included in the meeting package. Trustees spoke in favour of the draft motions and suggested that BCPSEA be specified in the motion regarding trustee governance in bargaining.

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) submit the following recommendations to the BCSTA AGM:

THAT BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to adjust the timelines for the submission of the annual Achievement Contract so Boards of Education have sufficient time to review the previous year's achievement data before preparing and approving the document.

THAT BCSTA review the Office of the Auditor General's School Board Governance report of April 2013, and provide recommendations, including examples, and professional development opportunities for boards to align our governance practices with the standards suggested by the Auditor General.

THAT BCSTA work to further strengthen our ties with UBCM by working more closely together on issues such as local government electoral reform and the continuance of School Community Connections program, and by collaboratively advocating for the importance and value of local decision-making, autonomy and governance.

THAT BCSTA request the immediate return of school trustee governance to K–12 bargaining through BCPSEA, to address legal concerns regarding sufficient separation between the policy maker and employer, and to adhere to the basic legal relationship that employers, not government, must both bargain with their own employees and administer their own contracts with employees.

THAT BCSTA request that government promptly consult with the relevant K–12 education stakeholders, including all employee groups, to update, replace or rescind sections 8.1–8.3 of the School Act regarding School Planning Councils.

THAT BCSTA publicly advocate that the Government of BC pursue its election platform, the BC Jobs Plan and the Mandate letters of the Minister of Education and Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training to work with Boards of Education to substantively expand our trades programs with the support of greater government investment.

Carried.

Student Trustee Treuheit reported back on her experience at OSTA-AECO in Ottawa. Chair Baxter noted that the Ontario Student Trustee Association and Student Trustee Treuheit's family incurred the costs of the conference, as the school district was not able to provide additional funds.

ii. Education Committee Notes – January 22, 2014

Trustee Younghusband spoke to the meeting notes. She reported that a positive presentation was made regarding the Balanced School Day at West Sechelt Elementary. It

was noted that “Parent Engagement” would no longer be standing committee item and that matters related to parent engagement would be reported through the Board Report at the regular meeting of the board.

MOTION: Younghusband/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the Orientation and Mobility 12 BAA Course for Fall 2014.”

Superintendent Bocking noted that the final BAA course description would include changes recommended at the Education Committee meeting. Trustees spoke in favour of the motion.

Carried.

iii. Committee of the Whole Notes – January 28, 2014

The notes were submitted as written. Chair Baxter indicated that a thorough discussion regarding international education took place and that the program continues to move forward in a positive direction.

iv. Operations Committee Notes – January 30, 2014

The notes were submitted as written. A correction was noted regarding meeting attendance; specifically, that Trustee White had sent his regrets due to bargaining. Trustee Mewhort requested an addition to the notes by way of a motion to amend the notes.

MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT the notes be amended to include a statement under item 1.) Facilities Plan: *‘Superintendent Bocking clarified to the committee that studies show that educational outcomes achieved in regular classroom versus those achieved in portables are very similar.’*”

Carried.

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the revised catchment area for West Sechelt Elementary School as attached.”

Trustee Mewhort noted that the consideration of community feedback resulted in several changes to the catchment area. Proximity to the school as well as ease of transportation to Kinnikinnick Elementary were considered in the final catchment proposal. Trustees discussed the motion and upon voting, the motion carried.

Carried.

1. Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

It was reported that the amended annual budget had been reviewed by the Operations committee and approval was recommended.

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2013/2014, in the amount of **\$42,136,953**, be read for a first time.”

Carried.

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2013/2014, in the amount of **\$42,136,953**, be read for a second time.”

Carried unanimously.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2013/2014, in the amount of **\$42,136,953**, be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#48. Correspondence

- a. CUPE Local 801 – Re: “Making progress in community partnerships”
- b. L. Barnett – Hard Wire Presentation
- c. L. Barnett – Hard Wire our Schools Petition
- d. R. Emerson – Roberts Creek Elementary

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#49. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- Clarification was requested on correspondence regarding the use of land at Roberts Creek Elementary. Chair Baxter indicated that a previous board had passed a motion supporting the use of the land as a community garden.

#50. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on March 11, 2014

MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Trustees discussed agenda items. Additional information was provided regarding the agenda setting process.

Amendment: Younghusband/White

“TO add ‘*Math / General*’ to the Education Committee agenda”

Trustee Younghusband spoke to the amendment and a discussion followed.

Opposed: White, Pratt
Carried.

Trustees continued debate on the main motion. Upon voting, the motion carried.

Carried.

#51. Committee Chair Selection

Operations Committee members selected Trustee Mewhort as their committee's chair.

Education Committee members selected Trustee Younghusband as their committee's chair.

#52. Adjournment

MOTION: Younghusband/White

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer

Chatelech Secondary School & Sechelt Indian Band Work Experience / Trades Training Program

November 25, 2013 – January 31, 2014



School District Involvement

- Chatelech Secondary School
 - > Richard Biel, VP
- SD46 Spider Online Program
 - > Carolyn Spence
- SD46 Careers and Technical Training
 - > Rick Gibb
- SD46 Aboriginal Services & Programs
 - > Kerry Mahlman & Suzanne Strom



Sechelt Indian Band Involvement



- SIB Education Department
 - > Lenora Joe & Andrew Swift
- SIB Public Works Department
 - > Peter Jmaeff & Blair Roland
- SIB Resource Management Department
 - > Sid Quinn
- SIB Occupational Health and Safety
 - > Sid Quinn

Other companies Involved

- Salish Soils Inc.
 - > Aaron Joe



- Trauma Tech – Safety Training
 - > Dusty Steinson



History – How this came about

- Richard Biel & Andrew Swift began meeting every 2 weeks to talk about how the school and band can best work together to **support student success!**



- In those meetings, we wondered if some really good hands on **work experience** and **Trades Safety tickets** would be a good way for interested students to complete credits for graduation.
- We thought about some students who might **like it, need it** or **really appreciate it.**

Components

- Safety Orientation (1 day)
- Work Experience (240 hours) 8 credits
 - > Salish Soils / Public Works / Resource Management
- 3 week Trades Safety Training 4 credits
 - > Trauma Tech
- Spider Online Course 4 credits
 - > SD46
- Total 16 credits

Trades Safety Tickets Trauma Tech (3 weeks – 11 tickets)



- H2S Alive (Hydrogen Sulphate Safety)
- WHMIS
- Fall Protection
- Confined Space
- Lock Out
- Traffic Control Person (Flagging) (2 days)
- Counterbalanced Forklift (Class 4 / Warehouse) (2 days)
- Class 7 Variable Reach Forklift ('Zoom Boom') (2 days)
- Scissor Lift
- Aerial Boom Lift
- Food Safe 1



Benefits

- Work EXPERIENCE
- Relationships and References
- Workplace Skill building
- Tickets and Resume items
- 16 Credits towards GRADUATION!
- Remain a Chatelech Student
- Guidance and Care
- FUN!!!