



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Held on June 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Betty Baxter, Chair; Dave Mewhort; Greg Russell; Pammila Ruth; Lori Pratt; Christine Younghusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Kirsten Deasey, Early Learning Coordinator; Sandy Magnussen, Special Education Technology Coordinator; Phil Luporini, District Principal of Technology and Data Management; Kerry Mahlman, District Principal of Aboriginal Programs and Services; Marnie Baba, CUPE Local 801; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 10:44 a.m.

1) Strategic Plan – Year Review

Superintendent Bocking, with the support of district staff, reviewed activities and initiatives that supported year one of the strategic plan. Highlights include:

- *Early Learning:* Happily Ever After Kids and Positive Discipline courses were well received.
- *Reading:* All elementary schools have reading as a goal. Partnered with public libraries. Coastal Voices Anthology continues to celebrate student writing.
- *Math:* Newly formed math committee will provide additional resources to district teachers. Partnered with the Sunshine Coast Credit Union to provide financial literacy education to secondary students.
- *Social and Emotional Health:* Presentations from Call Out and Out in Schools to engage students and promote an inclusive learning environment. Changes in counselling model to better support students.
- *Mental and Physical Health:* Health fairs took place at Chatelech and Elphinstone.
- *Music:* Successful production of “Into the Woods” with thanks to Sara Douglas and Tom Kellough. Changes to elementary music program have been received well by staff and students.
- *Sustainable Practices and Outdoor Education:* Davis Bay’s NEST program is expanding to a 4th division. Environmental Education Committee provided opportunities for green grants, composters and activity ideas for Earth Day.
- *Experiential Learning and Personalized Inquiry:* Secondary schools looking at alternative timetables (PHSS) and shifts to electives models to offer additional choice (CSS) and embedding inquiry into existing courses (ESS).
- *Technology:* Next Generation Network (NGN) implemented has had a significant improvement to network speeds and bandwidth. Release time provided to teachers

at elementary schools to learn about iPad applications to assist students with special needs.

- *Indigenous Cultures*: National Aboriginal Day celebrated for the entire month of June. Longhouse experiences for staff. Sechelt language program successful at Kinnikinnick and Chatelech Secondary. Newsletter created to inform staff about aboriginal education initiatives.
- *Graduation*: Career options explored at both Chatelech and Elphinstone health fairs. Letter distributed to all students with information on career options websites.
- *Professional Learning*: Reading committee hosted afterschool opportunities for professional discussions, sharing strategies and ideas. Emphasis on collaborative learning.
- *Reading Teachers*: Reading committee initiated a number of strategies. Faye Brownlie visited the district 6 times providing an opportunity for teacher to observe and reflect on literacy.

2) Committee Meeting Timing and Draft 2016/17 Schedule

Chair Baxter reported that the draft schedule included in the package would likely change due to a recommendation to change the timing of the public board meeting and the committee meeting schedule.

3) Communication (*standing item*)

The board communication plan was not included in the meeting package.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.