



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Held on September 27, 2017 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Pammila Ruth (Committee Chair), Betty Baxter, Christine Younghusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Stephanie Murawsky, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary), Lenora Joe (shíshálh Nation)

REGRETS: Louise Herle, SCTA President; Lori Dixon, Trustee; Carolyn Spence, Principal

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

1. Strategic Plan 1.g. – Outdoor Education

Goal 1.g.: Our students will experience, respect and enhance the natural world by actively participating in sustainable practices and outdoor education.

Superintendent Bocking and Director Bishop shared the following updates:

- NEST program model has generated interest from many districts and organizations.
- Davis Bay Elementary greenhouse project well underway.
- Education Committee members are Jami Mani, Jenny Groves, Barry Krangle and Rita Poulsen. The committee will be rolling out ATLAS, an interactive map which will highlight local areas of interest with related materials for learning.
- Indigenous learning is being incorporated into environmental education.
- Gardens at schools provide learning opportunities to students.
- Where possible, Manager of Facilities Collison is supporting schools in the development of outdoor learning spaces.
- *Garbology* kits are being created allowing students to better understand their impact on environment.
- Teacher workshops are taking place to support teachers levels of comfort to create programs outdoors.
- Nicholas Sonntag Marine Centre committee launch recently took place. A teacher and student were part of the organizing committee.

2. Strategic Plan 2.d. – Parent Communication

Goal 2.d.: Our staff will interact with our students' parents positively and with full information freely shared using efficient and responsive strategies.

Superintendent Bocking reported that the district is emphasizing “parent engagement” rather than “parent communication.” DPAC meetings have been scheduled for the year with topics to engage parent participation. A list is available at <http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/dpac>. The committee discussed the makeup and membership of the Parent Engagement Committee.

3. Grad Exit Survey

Director Bishop shared the following information:

- Ministry provides a portal for students to view transcripts and pertinent information relating to graduation.
- The MyBlueprint web portal will be available for students to log in to starting in grade 7. Training for staff is taking place on October 25th
- DSLT is designing an exit satisfaction survey.
- The district is engaged in a research project looking at the 2015/16 cohort to determine what barriers may have led to students not achieving graduation. The information collected will be compared to the to the ministry’s graduation data.

4. Untargeted Charitable Donations

The committee reviewed the charitable donations listed in the agenda package. Regulation 4220 stipulates that the Superintendent determine the use of any untargeted donations and report to the Education Committee. In the 2016/17 school year, the district received \$260 in untargeted donations which will be used to support the strategic plan. The committee suggested that the regulation be modified to include a threshold for untargeted donations, under which a report to Education Committee would not be required.

5. Curriculum (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking shared a BCTF poster describing their framework for professional development. The committee discussed the framework for career long development. An update was provided on core competency self reporting at the elementary level. The curriculum changes for secondary students are being trialed for the 2017/18 school year before being implemented in 2018/19.

6. Parent Engagement (standing item)

The next DPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28 at Chatelech Secondary.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.