



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Held on October 18th, 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; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Phil Luporini, District Principal of Technology; Louise Herle, SCTA, Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary),

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Lenora Joe (shíshálh Nation)

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

1. Strategic Plan 1.i. – Technology

Goal 1.i.: Our students have the technical and social skills to navigate current and emerging technologies to enrich their learning.

District Principal Luporini reported on the following items:

- Next Generation Network 2 (NGN2) is in place, resulted in upgrades to available bandwidth at several sites.
- All computers in the district are now on a replacement plan to ensure technology remains current.
- Continued support and training for learning through technology is available for teachers.
- The Engage! site provides collaborative opportunities for teachers and staff.
- Apps have been developed for Chatelech and Elphinstone Secondary schools.
- Access points are being added to improve wireless access.

The committee discussed issues with content streaming for SPIDER student and overcrowding affecting wireless access speeds. District Principal Luporini reported that technology staff plan to continue to add access points as needed to ensure consistent service across all sites. Information was provided on the role of the Technology Planning Committee.

2. Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)

Director White reviewed MDI results for the district. In particular, the committee reviewed overall “well-being” results for the Gibsons and Sechelt areas. The district continues to work to improve results in that area. Areas of strength include adult

relationships at home and school, participation in after school activities and strong relationships with peers. Lack of sleep for some students continues to be a point of concern in results from both grade 4 and grade 7 participants. A copy of Director White's presentation is available as part of the agenda package at

http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/17-18_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20171018-EdCmte_Agenda.pdf

Public MDI results for the district can also be found at:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd46/>

Community schools have received a United Way grant to increase access to afterschool care and activities. A decision on how to use the funds is forthcoming in consultation with community school coordinators and MDI results will be part of the determination.

The district shared MDI results with the SCR D to inform them in their decision making process for recreational planning.

3. Curriculum - Secondary Numeracy Assessment

Director Bishop spoke to his written report and demonstrated the new numeracy assessment exam which can be accessed online at

https://www.awinfosys.com/eassessment/eexams_sample.htm

The assessments for literacy and numeracy will replace provincial exams for students graduating in 2018 onwards. Students who have already successfully completed a provincial exam will not be required to complete the new assessment exams.

The district has agreed to take part in testing for the numeracy assessment in January, providing students an opportunity to preview the changes and become comfortable with the format. The numeracy assessment contains 26 questions and is significantly shorter than provincial exams.

The committee raised questions as to how the assessments would be marked. Director Bishop agreed to report back with information.

The new assessments will also be tested for accessibility and integration with existing Mac features during the testing phase.

4. Parent Engagement (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking announced that DPAC executive elections would be taking place at the October DPAC meeting. The Parent Engagement Committee meets in the week following the Education Committee meeting. The committee will be discussing technology and reporting, including FreshGrade and MyEd online reporting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 29th from 2:30-4:00 pm at the School Board Office