



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Held on November 29th, 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; Kirsan Deasey, Early Learning Coordinator; Louise Herle, SCTA, Stephanie Murawsky, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary),

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m.

1. Board Authority Authorized Course Update

Director Bishop presented seven Board / Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses for review. Two courses, Leadership 10 and Organic Growing 10, are newly developed and the remaining were previously approved courses that were re-written to meet new ministry requirements that reflects the new curriculum: competencies, standards and elements. The courses will be reviewed again at the January Education Committee with the intention of a February approval to be in time for implementation and student course selection. Intention is to create a template for any teacher to use at any school in the district and offer the course.

Questions and suggestions by the Board regarding consistent writing, layout and approval process. Suggestion by Board to seek out teachers in the District who have been part of the new curriculum writing to be editors of these documents. Discussion regarding presenting Big ideas vs. intention and content. Discussion regarding accountability for course consistency over time. Recognize that it is the expectation on the Superintendent that what has been approved is the course that is given and remains faithful to that outline. Aboriginal views and perspectives element is worked in to all the courses by receiving input from the Aboriginal Education team and community.

2. Strategic Plan 1.b. – Reading and Strategic Plan 2.b. – Reading Teachers

Kirsten Deasey, Early Learning Coordinator, spoke to her presentation which is included in the meeting package at: www.sd46.bc.ca/files/17-18_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20171129-EdCmte_Agenda.pdf.

- Leveled Learning Intervention: purchased a kit for each school (8 boxes of books and support materials for grade 1's) for an 18-week short term intervention program to help students learn to read.
- Kirsten is using the internal Engage! site to communicate and offer resources to support teachers with literacy training.
- LIST: Developed a program for training at the secondary level offered November 27th. Teachers of all subjects received low prep, high impact strategies on literacy in their classrooms. Launching this in a supportive way.

3. Parent Engagement (standing item)

Stephanie Murawsky is chairing committee as a parent in the community and as Communications Officer for the district. One meeting this year so far with a team of 2 Educational Leadership members, 2 Teachers, and 2 parents. It was a brainstorming session that began by breaking down a text asking "What is parent-teacher engagement?" Developed ideas and concepts with which to move forward at the next meeting on December 7th. Developed a visual of engagement to anchor our discussions of a triangle with student on top supported by families and teachers/schools. Going from theoretical to concrete action. The committee is moving forward with lots of energy. Communication between DPAC and committee is in place through the superintendent who attends both meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 24th from 2:30-4:00 pm at the School Board Office