



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

Held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: **TRUSTEES:** B. Baxter, L. Dixon, D. Mewhort, L. Pratt, G. Russell, P. Ruth,
C. Younghusband, K. Pritchard (Student Trustee)

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

#45. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Baxter opened by acknowledging that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation. Chair Baxter reported the recent passing of retired teacher, June Wilson, and spoke to her commitment to teaching.

#46. Presentations

a. Celebrating Education: Early Learning Reggio Emilia Practices – K. Deasey

The Early Learning / Learning Together team, consisting of Early Learning Coordinator, Kirsten Deasey, StrongStart teachers, Lauri Paul and Marilyn Downey, and West Sechelt Elementary Kindergarten teachers, Margaret Cooper and Michelle Smart, provided trustees with an overview of the Reggio Emilia approach to early learning and demonstrated various teaching tools that support these practices. In summary, the approach centres on exploration and discovery through open ended learning opportunities in a supported environment. Teachers allow children to take the lead in discovering what they want to learn through activities, as an example sliding outdoors in snow lead to classroom experiments with slides and gravity. Children are at the center of the learning environment and their interests assist in guiding the curriculum with a goal to inspire learning rather than impose creativity.

b. Suncoast Racquet Club Youth Program – F. Kaltenegger, C. Jacobsen and G. Kydd

Franziska Kaltenegger, Colin Jacobsen and Gillian Kydd provided information on their club's youth tennis programs in an effort to encourage youth interest in the club and exposing youth to indoor winter sport options on the Sunshine Coast. The club has developed a youth sponsorship program, which aids in funding opportunities to provide tennis lessons to students at no cost to parents or schools. The program provides access to the racquet club's facility and coaching from a certified tennis instructor. The club hopes to promote the program directly to Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and is seeking board support in their endeavors. Chair Baxter thanked the club members for their efforts on behalf of youth and indicated that information would be shared with principals, who will in turn provide information to PACs. Additional information on the club can be found at:

<http://www.srctennis.ca>

#47. Public Question Period

- There were no questions.

#48. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the agenda of January 13, 2015 be adopted.”

Carried.

#49. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION: Younghusband/Russell

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2014, the Record of the Closed Meeting of November 25, 2014 and the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of December 9, 2014 be adopted as presented.”

Carried.

#50. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update: Early Learning

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and responded to questions from trustees.

ii. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bocking highlighted upcoming Trustee Visits to Schools, Family Literacy day (January 25th), FSA testing and the Satisfaction Survey. Assistant Superintendent Kitchen provided information on Collaboration Time projects and responded to inquiries from trustees.

1. Superintendent’s Report on Achievement

Superintendent Bocking indicated that the report was an annual expectation of ministry, to be provided by January 31st of each year. He noted that due to a lack of classroom assessment in the previous school year, assessment information was based on FSA results. Superintendent Bocking highlighted the districts strong improvement in six-year completion rates and well subscribed ACE-IT programs.

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the Superintendent’s Report on Achievement.”

Carried.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

The report was submitted as written. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick drew attention to the district’s energy consumption savings noting that the dollar value of those savings at 2014 rates was \$88,000. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the ministry’s funding

announcement in December will have an impact on district’s budget and that further discussion would take place at the Operations Committee meeting.

iv. Regulations to be received:

1. Regulation 2820 – Student Leadership
2. Regulation 4410 – Honoraria

MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“TO receive regulations 2820 and 4410”

Carried.

v. Regulations to be repealed:

Superintendent Bocking noted that the appeal process described in the regulations to be repealed have been replaced by the steps described in regulation 5350 (How to Communicate with Us).

1. Regulation 1750 – Reviewing Decisions of the Principal
2. Regulation 1840 – Student/Parent Appeal Process

MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

“TO repeal regulations 1750 and 1840.”

Carried.

vi. Information items

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of November & December 2014

The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written. Chair Baxter reported that the Trustee Orientation in December was a valuable session for trustees. A question was received regarding progress with the Roberts Creek Elementary garden license agreement. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the process is ongoing. Clarification was sought on the correct nomenclature for Pender Harbour Secondary School. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the school’s official nomenclature is Pender Harbour Elementary Secondary School due to attendance by grade 7 students, however school district staff and area residents more commonly refer to the school as Pender Harbour Secondary School.

1. Board Committee Appointments

Submitted as written. Chair Baxter indicated that letters would be sent to school PACs advising them of trustee appointments for the current year.

2. Student Trustee/DSLTL Report

Student Trustee Pritchard reported that the District Student Leadership Team had reviewed a number of school calendar options and discussed the effect of those changes on learning and mental health. The team also discussed potential changes to the grad survey format and suggested starting the survey process during the grade twelve year while students are still attending school, initiating conversations with past

graduates, and looking at ways for past students to maintain anonymity while providing quality feedback.

3. BCSTA Provincial Council Motions

There were no motions suggested.

ii. Education Committee Notes – November 26, 2014

The notes were submitted as written. Trustee Younghusband drew attention to the presentation from Kirsten Deasey regarding Early Learning and Maria Giltrow's presentation on *Welcoming Communities*.

iii. Committee of the Whole Notes – November 25, 2014

The notes were submitted as written.

MOTION: Younghusband/Mewhort

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

#51. Correspondence

- a. Minister Stone – School Road/North Road and Gibsons Way Intersection
- b. SCR D – Sunshine Coast Agricultural Area Plan
- c. R. Emerson – Roberts Creek Community Garden

MOTION: Younghusband/Mewhort

“TO receive the correspondence”

Carried.

Trustees sought clarification on the process for discussing correspondence. Chair Baxter indicated that such requests should be brought to the agenda setting committee for action.

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

- An audience member asked for additional information on the new recycling plan at Pender Harbour Secondary School, which was identified in Student Trustee Pritchard's report. Superintendent Bocking agreed to investigate and provide information at a later date.

#53. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on February 10, 2015.

Operations committee postponed so that budget information would be available for the meeting.

MOTION: Ruth/Pratt

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#54. Adjournment

MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. West', written over a horizontal line.

Secretary-Treasurer