



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

****SPECIAL MEETING**
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AGENDA**

February 24, 2015 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
School Board Office – Gibsons, BC

1. District Calendar

Calendar Feedback (2015/16 School Year)

Committee of the Whole
November 25th
Greg Kitchen

Feedback from Survey Monkey

January 2014

- 393 Parent responses
- Support expressed for continued two-week Winter Break
- Support for possible two-week Spring break
- Some (limited) support for a limited number of days in July or August
- Some support for having courses available in July and August

Summary from PACs

March 2014

- Benefits of two-week break –more family time, energy of kids, refreshing, easier for travel, match other school districts, etc.
- Challenges of two-week break – child care, transition times, extra time each day versus benefit of extra days, etc.
- Attaching closure days to other times other than Spring Break – more 3 day weekends, Easter, easier for families if spread out, extend summer, etc.

Employee Groups

- SCTA
 - support for two-week Spring Break
 - closure days = extra minutes/day
 - advantages: health & wellness, family travel, school field trips, opportunities in other districts, cost savings
 - challenges: balancing the terms

Employee Groups

- CUPE
 - open to idea of two-week Spring Break if no reduction to members wages
 - advantages: cleaning, closure day options
 - challenges: lost pay (casuals), concern with heat, adjustments to collective agreement, impact on low income families
 - questions: educational benefits, what is the overall goal?

Other Groups

- Strong Start – more services the better, could close or stay open, closure days could create openings at other times, adaptable
- Daycares – depending on age of kids, siblings
- YMCA – helpful, camps
- Chamber – attendance at events, short-term employment minimum benefit
- Esprit – remains open on closure days

Other Groups

- After school programs – no cost or low cost?
- SCR D – options?
- Students – meeting planned with District Student Leadership (this week)

Options

- No change – data?
- Two-Week Spring Break – alignment with surrounding districts
- Something new – purpose?

SCHOOL CALENDAR REGULATION

Authority: *School Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412, ss. 87.01, 87.02 and 168.02

B.C. Reg. 314/12 Deposited November 8, 2012

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Application of Regulation

1 This regulation applies to the school calendar for the 2013/2014 school year and subsequent school years.

Definitions

2 In this regulation:

"**Act**" means the *School Act*;

"**day of instruction**" means, in respect of any school, a day in a school calendar year in which students receive instruction in an educational program;

"**days in session**" means, in respect of any school, the days in a school calendar year on which the principal, vice principals, directors of instruction and teachers of the school are scheduled to be available for instructional, non-instructional or administrative activities;

"**non-instructional days**" means, in respect of any school, a day in session in a school calendar year that is not a day of instruction.

Prescribed minimum hours of instruction

3 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are the prescribed minimum hours of instruction that a board must offer to students enrolled in the schools in its school district:

- (a) 853 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten;
- (b) 878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7;
- (c) 952 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12.

(2) There are no prescribed minimum hours of instructions that a board must offer to students enrolled in a distributed learning school.

Prescribed information in school calendars

4 (1) For the purposes of section 87.01(3) (b) [*school calendar*] of the Act, the following information is prescribed in respect of a school calendar for a school that is not a distributed learning school:

- (a) subject to subsection (3), the number and dates of the days in session;

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- (b) subject to subsection (3), the number and dates of each day of instruction;
- (c) the vacation periods and the dates of statutory holidays;
- (d) the dates of each non-instructional day;
- (e) the number of hours of instruction offered to students in each grade.

(2) For the purposes of section 87.01(3) (b) of the Act, the following information is prescribed in respect of a school calendar for a distributed learning school:

- (a) the number and dates of the days in session;
- (b) the dates on which the principal, vice principals, directors of instruction and teachers of the school are available for instruction;
- (c) the vacation periods and the dates of statutory holidays.

(3) A board is not required to include in a school calendar the information described in subsection (1) (a) and (b) if the days are for optional or remedial learning activities scheduled during vacation periods.

Consultations

5 (1) For the purposes of section 87.01 (7) [*school calendar*] of the Act, a board must make publicly available a school calendar that it proposes to submit to the minister under section 87.01 (5) or (6) of the Act at least one month before the date the school calendar must be submitted to the minister.

(2) The board must provide an opportunity to

- (a) the parents of the students enrolled in each school to which the proposed school calendar is to apply, and
- (b) representatives of employees of the board assigned to the school

to provide comments to the board with respect to the school calendar made publicly available under subsection (1).

(3) For certainty, subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in respect of a school calendar that has been amended based on comments previously provided under subsection (2).

Amending a school calendar

6 (1) For the purposes of section 87.02 [*school calendar – amendment*] of the Act, a board must make publicly available proposed amendments to a school calendar at least one month before making the amendments.

(2) A board must, as soon as practicable and, in any event, within 30 days of amending a school calendar under section 87.02 of the Act, provide the minister with the amended school calendar.

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- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a board that reschedules a non-instructional day previously scheduled in a school calendar if the board gives notice of the change to
- (a) the parents of the students enrolled in the school to which the proposed change is to apply, and
 - (b) the representatives of employees of the board assigned to the school.

Form of school calendar

- 7 A board must use the school calendar forms published by the minister to
- (a) submit one or more school calendars to the minister under section 87.01 [*school calendar*] of the Act, and
 - (b) provide an amended school calendar to the minister under section 6 (2) of this regulation.

Designation of purpose for non-instructional days

8 (1) A board must schedule one non-instructional day in the 2014/2015 school year for the purpose of facilitating activities that in the board's opinion are designed to enhance student achievement with a focus on skills, career training and curriculum exploration.

(2) For certainty, nothing in subsection (1) prevents a board from providing an opportunity for parents of students attending schools in the district, other employees of the board and members of the community to participate in the non-instructional day described in subsection (1).

[en. BC Reg. 192/13, effective June 28/13; am. BC Reg. 80/14, effective July 1/14]

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2015/2016 CALENDAR - ONE WEEK OPTION

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SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2015/2016 CALENDAR - TWO WEEK OPTION

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST) CALENDAR 2015/2016

The following dates have been established for the 2015/2016 school year.

Tuesday, September 8th, 2015 (for purposes of the calendar, this is considered a full day in session)	<i>First day of school (.5)</i>
Monday, September 21st	<i>Professional Development Day (School) (1.0)</i>
Monday, October 12th	<i>Thanksgiving Day (1.0)</i>
Friday, October 23rd	<i>Professional Development Day (Provincial) (1.0)</i>
Wednesday, November 11th	<i>Remembrance Day (1.0)</i>
Friday, November 20th	<i>Professional Development Day (School) (.5)</i> <i>(Administrator) (.5)</i>
Wednesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 3rd	<i>Early Dismissals</i>
Monday, December 21st, 2015 to Friday, January 1st, 2016 inclusive	<i>Winter Vacation</i>
Monday, January 4th	<i>Schools Reopen After Winter Vacation</i>
Monday, January 25th to Thursday, January 29th	<i>Provincial Exams</i>
Friday, February 5th	<i>Professional Development Day (District) (1.0)</i>
Monday, February 8th	<i>Family Day (1.0)</i>
Wednesday, March 9th and Thursday, March 10th	<i>Early Dismissals</i>
Monday, March 14th to Friday, March 18th inclusive	<i>Spring Vacation</i>
Monday, March 21st	<i>Schools Reopen After Spring Vacation</i>
Friday, March 25th	<i>Good Friday (1.0)</i>
Monday, March 28th	<i>Easter Monday (1.0)</i>
Friday, April 8th	<i>Professional Development Day (School) (1.0)</i>
Monday, May 2nd	<i>Professional Development Day (School) (.5)</i> <i>(Administrator) (.5)</i>
Monday, May 23rd	<i>Victoria Day (1.0)</i>
Wednesday, June 22nd to Wednesday, June 29th	<i>Provincial Exams</i>
Thursday, June 30th	<i>Administrative Day (1.0)</i>