



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Held on April 28, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

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

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Betty Baxter, Chair; Lori Dixon; Dave Mewhort; Greg Russell; Pammila Ruth; Lori Pratt; Christine Younghusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Greg Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Erica Reimer, Recording Secretary; Stacia Leech; Ron Skene; Sharon Mackenzie; Louise Herle

REGRETS:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Mind the Gap – R. Skene & S. Leech

Stacia Leech and Ron Skene of the Roberts Creek Community School provided an update on the *Mind the Gap* project. The project is preventative in nature and focuses on building emotional capacity and resiliency to the school community in order to better support periods of transition for students. As part of the project, the MIND UP curriculum has been delivered to all grade 7 students at Roberts Creek Elementary. Additional programs will include:

- Mindfulness based stress reduction program for educators / professional development for teachers
- Strengthening Families Program – 7 week family program to be offered in the fall at Roberts Creek Elementary and Kinnikinnick Elementary
- Teen Mindfulness Retreat – planned for the end of summer of 2015, a 5-day residential retreat at Camp Byng.

Chair Baxter noted that Social Emotional Learning was a strong priority in the Visions for Learning consultations.

The full *Mind the Gap* presentation will be included in the agenda package at <http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/2014-15-board-meetings#cow>

2. Visions for Learning – Strategic Plan Review

The committee reviewed the draft vision document submitted by Chair Baxter and provided additional comments.

Superintendent Bocking presented revisions to the draft Visions for Learning strategies document. The committee made several suggestions for additions and deletions and provided feedback on the document in general.

Both documents will be revised based on the feedback heard at the meeting and redistributed to trustees by email for final feedback prior to their inclusion in the regular board meeting

agenda package. A final draft plan will be presented to the board at their regular May meeting for approval of content.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 26 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the School Board Office.