



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
At the School Board Office – Gibsons, BC

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Betty Baxter, Chair; Lori Dixon; Dave Mewhort; Silas White;
Lori Pratt; Christine Younghusband
STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Greg Kitchen, Assistant
Superintendent; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Erica Reimer, Recording
Secretary; Marnie Baba; Carolyn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. Strategic Plan Term Wrap-up

Trustees engaged in a follow-up discussion regarding the *2012-2015 Strategic Plan*, highlighting areas where they thought improvement or clarification could be made.

The committee engaged in a thoughtful discussion and made the following suggestions:

- Big picture items such as the Mission and Vision statements would benefit from additional clarity. Suggestion to look at words and their meanings and embed them in the statements more clearly. For instance, “lifelong learning” and “global community” can be interpreted in many ways.
- With the change to four-year terms for School Trustees and longer terms for collective agreements, the committee suggested increasing the term of the Strategic Plan to four years.
- Add detail without being prescriptive.
- Evaluate funding models that may not have been possible before. Explore the potential for hybrid models, district programs and partnerships.
- Mindful of the new curriculum and the flexibility that it will afford particularly in small schools. Rethink education models, group courses, look at specialized programming.
- Reemphasize community and improve communications
- Monitor and provide more detailed explanations regarding the status of programs to ensure enough information is being delivered to describe successes and hurdles. Strengthen any step-by-step processes and ensure the structure is understandable.

2. Policy Review: Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee

The committee spoke in favour of a tabled proposal to the Role of the Trustee that would align the policy with the new language in the “How to Communicate with Us” administrative regulation (#5350).

Recommendation: “To accept the proposed changes to the Role of the Trustee:

‘3.11 Refrain from getting involved in or expressing judgments on any school-level disputes or concerns, but listen to complainants and refer them to the district’s communications ~~Complaints and/or Appeals~~ process.’”

Adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Next meeting: November 25, 2014 at the School Board Office