



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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Pammila Ruth (Committee Chair), Betty Baxter,  
Christine Younghusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of  
Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Duncan Knight, Principal –  
Langdale Elementary; Louise Herle, SCTA; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee

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The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Goal 3.b.: Collaborations

*Our district will pursue opportunities that enhance collaboration with associations, organizations, businesses and community resource people.*

Staff highlighted collaborations with:

- Municipal libraries – partnerships with community schools support literacy programs through the summer months,
- RCMP – meetings take place with local staff sergeants twice a year,
- Vancouver Coastal Health – bi-monthly meetings to discuss youth substance abuse and mental health, cannabis educational panels taking place in all grade 6/7 classes,
- Bargaining units – positive and productive talks taking place surrounding additional funding as a result of the SCC ruling, and
- Connecting Self-Employed Women for Success – a panel presentation is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> at Chatelech Secondary, providing information to young women about the variety of opportunities available to them.

The committee discussed the benefits of encouraging additional partnerships with organized sports programs and improving accessibility to sports by reducing costs and addressing transportation issues.

2. FreshGrade Reflections and Feedback

Superintendent Bocking shared feedback from West Sechelt Elementary parents regarding the recent transition to FreshGrade as a reporting tool. The majority of the

feedback received was positive. A second survey will take place in the spring after teachers have had more of an opportunity to use the platform. Professional development opportunities have been scheduled to provide additional information on effective use and best practices for sharing information with parents via FreshGrade. The committee discussed the challenges and benefits in moving to a new reporting tool.

3. Goal 1.d.: Social Emotional Learning

*Our students will develop the social and emotional skills to successfully live, work and play together; they will have the resilience to deal with life's challenges.*

Director White and Principal Knight reflected on the use of Circles in schools as a tool for social emotional learning. The Circles program develops supportive environments in which participants can share information in a structured environment, often using a "talking piece" to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. Several schools have provided school wide training on the Circles program; in addition, all school counselors and aboriginal support staff have received the training. Principal Knight reported that the program has been well received by both staff and students.

The presentation is included in the meeting's agenda package at:

[http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/16-17\\_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20170124-Ed\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/16-17_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20170124-Ed_Agenda.pdf)

4. Regulation 1300 – Condom Machines (to be repealed)

Director White reported that condoms are available to students free of charge and that baskets are stocked routinely by the schools' public health nurse. Condom machines are no longer being used by students. The regulation will be circulated prior to repealing in March.

5. Curriculum (standing item)

A written submission was received after the meeting and has been attached to these notes for reference.

6. Parent Engagement (standing item)

The next DPAC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 26<sup>th</sup> at Chatelech Secondary School. The district's Parent Engagement Committee is meeting again on January 26<sup>th</sup> and have been distributing parent newsletters throughout the school year. A BCTF sponsored Parent Public Education conference is taking place on February 17<sup>th</sup> in the Vancouver area, parents from SD46 will be in attendance accompanied by a local SCTA member.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, February 22 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the SCTA Office (Suite 301, 5710 Teredo Street, Sechelt)

## **Curriculum Update – Submitted by David Barnum**

### **Renewed Curriculum**

- Ministry update released yesterday (attached)
- Grades 10 – 12 implementation is on hold for one year
- Feedback to Ministry staff is informing revisions

### **Math Committee**

- Liaising with coordinators in other districts
- Recent survey affirms that our committee should be looking at how to support a pedagogical shift. This varies according to grade clusters.
- BC Numeracy website to go live in February. Prototype looks to be incredibly useful!

### **Parent Engagement Committee**

- Bi-monthly newsletter is well-received
- Meeting this week to determine how to pursue identified goals
- David attends DPAC and PAC meetings to provide curriculum updates

### **Transitions**

- Events now being planned for grade 8 students
- David looking at ways to help parents bridge the elementary to high school shift
- This relates to the goals of the Parent Engagement Committee

### **Curriculum In-service**

- The deadline for using allocated funds is Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Teacher collaboration focus varies widely from site to site
- Great appreciation for having this time available
- Next steps (i.e. unused funds) will be discussed at the Education Implementation Committee meeting in early March

### **Coding/Computational Thinking Initiative (MOE funded)**

- District team attended regional training session

### **Coast Reads**

- Demonstrates the value of partnerships!
- I would like to acknowledge Jane Davidson at Writers Festival
- Program expanded to all schools this year and also reflects community literacy