



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Held on April 26, 2017 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of
Instruction; David Barnum, Transitions Coordinator; Louise Herle, SCTA;
Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Vanessa White, Director of Instruction

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. and agenda items were reordered.

1. Strategic Plan 1.k. Graduation

Goal: Our students will graduate with specific life skills and with a clear focus on their personal future direction in their chosen career path.

Director Bishop shared results of Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) testing, grade-to-grade transitions, provincial examinations and the six year completion rates from the ministry's new portal for school system information at:

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/systemperformance/>

The committee was provided with a copy of the ministry's *Information to Support Student Learning* report, which summarizes data on the district's achievements for intellectual, human and social, and career development. A copy of the report is available in the meeting package at:

http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/16-17_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20170426_Ed-Agenda.pdf

The committee discussed the reports and noted discrepancies between grade-to-grade transition and six year completion rate reports.

2. District Report to the Ministry

Superintendent Bocking previewed the district's new website, currently in development, that will report on achievements in student learning. The reporting mechanism replaces the "Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement", which was a previous ministry requirement. Superintendent Bocking reported that information provided through the website will be updated regularly and will require board approval. He suggested that approval take place at their regular meeting taking place in June.

3. Strategic Plan 1.f. Music and Fine Arts

Goal: Our students will participate in a full elementary program and have opportunities in secondary music and fine arts programs.

Superintendent Bocking reported on the regular instruction for music for primary, intermediate and secondary students and announced that the successful musical theatre program would run as a district course for the 2017-18 school year, allowing students an opportunity to earn credit for their participation in the program. He further reported on initiatives to support dramatic and visual arts. The committee discussed access to music courses in secondary schools.

A copy of Superintendent Bocking's presentation is available in the meeting package at: http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/16-17_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20170426_Ed-Agenda.pdf

4. Curriculum (standing item)

David Barnum, Transitions Coordinator, reported that posters had been created and shared with all classrooms to bring attention to the core competencies for self-assessment.

5. Parent Engagement (standing item)

David Barnum shared a copy of the recent April/May edition of the Parent Engagement Committee Newsletter, available at:

<http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/Community%20Info/Apr-17ParentNewsletter.pdf>.

The upcoming DPAC meeting is scheduled for April 27th.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 24th from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the School Board Office.