



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES
Held on September 28th, 2016 from 3:30-5:00 pm
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Carolyn Spence, Principal; David Barnum, Curriculum and Transitions Coordinator; Kirsten Deasey, Early Learning Coordinator; Louise Herle, SCTA President; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGETS: Trustee L. Dixon

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. Regulation 2840 – Student Reporting

Superintendent Bocking reviewed changes to Regulation 2840 (Student Reporting) in order to align with changes to the ministerial reporting order. The revised regulation provides two reporting options and details the requirement of each. Superintendent Bocking reported that due to changes in the curriculum and the ministerial reporting order, the intent of the updated regulation would be put into effect immediately. Revised report cards will be brought forward to the October committee meeting, for approval at the November board meeting.

2. Regulation 6700 – Physical Restraint of Students

Director White reviewed changes to Regulation 6700 (Physical Restrain and Seclusion of Students). The ministry recently provided a best practices guide to districts and requested that all districts review their own practices to align with the ministry's recommendations. Director White noted that updates to the regulation address seclusion of students, and make use of positive behaviour supports and de-escalation techniques. The committee made suggestions for changes, including B.5. (CPI training), C.3. (specify use of violent incident form when required) and other housekeeping items.

3. Strategic Plan: Student Sustainable Practices and Outdoor Education

Goal 1.g.: Our students will experience, respect and enhance the natural world by actively participating in sustainable practices and outdoor education.

Superintendent Bocking reported shared a list of schools that had submitted applications for the district's "Excellence in Education" grants and reported that recipients are required to report back on their projects in December.

- A "walking field trip" permission form has been standardized and provided to all schools in order to facilitating local field trips and outdoor education opportunities.

- The Environmental Education Committee continues to provide mentorship to teachers who wish to provide outdoor learning opportunities to their classroom. A survey has been developed to identify teachers who have expertise in outdoor learning.
- The Davis Bay Elementary greenhouse project is moving forward and requirements for a sprinkler system are being considered.
- NEST instructor, Jenny Groves, continues to work on the development of the Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre.
- The Nature Based Experiential Learning field program, in partnership with SFU, continues in its second year.

4. Report: Collaborating About Reading Engagement (CARE) Project

Kirsten Deasey and David Barnum reported on the newly developed CARE project that involves 46 educators across the district meeting monthly to collaborate on reading engagement. Over the course of the year, guest speakers will attend the monthly meetings to share their expertise, including Faye Brownlie, Miriam Threhearne and Adrienne Gerr. Educators involved in the CARE project will receive 2 half days of release time to mentor and collaborate with teachers at their own schools.

5. Curriculum (standing item)

David Barnum advised the committee that the implementation year for K-9 is underway and that the draft curriculum for grades 10-12 is available on the ministry's website. The district has scheduled a Non-Instructional Day after the winter break to support the new curriculum. Information was shared regarding designated funding to support teachers in the transition to the new curriculum. To date approximately half of the funds have been used. Any unspent funds will be reallocated to other curriculum purposes as of February 1, 2017. The math committee has met and will be surveying teachers to gather information on teachers needs.

Chair Younghusband requested that the agenda setting committee consider a future report on how the curriculum is unfolding by way of a first hand report from a cluster of teachers.

6. Parent Engagement (standing item)

The first DPAC meeting of the year took place on September 22nd at Chatelech Secondary and a parent newsletter was distributed. Positive feedback was received regarding the Parent Engagement Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 24 from 3:30-5:00 pm at the School Board Office.