



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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES**

Held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 3:30-5:00 pm  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of  
Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Kirsten Deasey, Early  
Learning Coordinator; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Louise Herle, SCTA President; Carolyn Spence, SCAS  
Principal; Lenora Joe, Director of Education, *shíshálh* Nation

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The meeting was called to order at 11:34 p.m.

1. Strategic Plan: 1.b. Reading / 2.b. Reading Teachers

*Goal 1.b.: Our students will read at or beyond their grade level. They will discover the joy in their reading!*

*Goal 2.b.: Our staff will support reading and all teachers will be reading teachers.*

Kirsten Deasey shared plans to support reading in the current school year and highlighted the following:

- Reading Committee continues to meet once a month and supports teachers with in-service workshops, materials and resources, including “story baskets”.
- CARE Project team members meet monthly to share strategies for reading supports, including workshops and professional development opportunities. Upcoming events include:
  - November 23 – after school reading series that will highlight a range of books for K-12, with a focus on collaboration in the classroom.
  - January 16 – workshop focusing on aboriginal literary resources and how to weave aboriginal elements into the curriculum.
- September was Literacy Month, celebrated with Word on the Water (storytelling on BC Ferries sailings) and Word in the Woods (story walks through the woods at all elementary schools).

- Coast Reads launched on October 24. Eight novels and one primary book were selected for this year's program. More information is available at [www.coastreads.org](http://www.coastreads.org).
- Raise a Reader funds will be used to provide transportation to Pender Harbour students to visit the Sechelt library.
- A request for submissions for the popular Coastal Voices writer's anthology has been made.
- The WonderWheels Bookmobile saw an increase in readership in K-3 readers over the summer, likely due to the promotion at elementary schools before summer break.
- "Circle of Security" parenting classes will be offered in the fall to help parents strengthen relationships with their children ages 0 to 2.
- Imagination Library continues to be a popular program, funded in part through generous donations from the Sechelt Lions Club and private donors.

2. Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)

The committee discussed the 2016 MDI results for district schools, available online at <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd46/>. Concerns were raised regarding reports of inadequate sleep, access to afterschool activities and low self-image.

3. Summative Report Cards

Superintendent Bocking circulated draft summative elementary report cards for review. Two sets of report cards were provided, as teachers will have the opportunity to select between two reporting options.

The report cards developed for Option B (traditional reporting) are similar to previous report cards and include a section for a developmental report on Applied Design Skills and Technology, Career Education and Core Competencies – to be reported in June only.

Summative report cards for Option A (FreshGrade reporting) reflect curricular competencies with a reported developmental scale that consists of:

- Concerns/Not Yet
- Acquiring
- Accomplished

Reporting for grades eight and nine are completed using MyEdBC and are set at the provincial level. Exact formatting has not yet been confirmed.

**Recommendation:**

"To approve the report cards as presented for reporting options A and B."

4. Curriculum (standing item)

There was no report due to time constraints.

5. Parent Engagement (standing item)

There was no report due to time constraints.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 23 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at the School Board Office.