

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES

Held on February 28th, 2018 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Pammila Ruth (Committee Chair), Lori Pratt

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Kirsten Deasey, District Principal, Learning and Innovation; Louise Herle, SCTA, Erica Reimer, Executive

Assistant (Recording Secretary),

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Christine Younghusband, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 2:48 p.m.

1. Goal 1.c. - Math

Our students will achieve the mathematical skills required for academic and life success.

District Principal Deasey reported that the district math committee had surveyed teachers to determine needs. Primary teachers identified a strong need for additional support in the areas of workshop and speakers, as well as resources and materials. To address these needs, Collaborating About Math in Primary (CAMP) was developed as an opportunity for primary teachers, support services and aboriginal support teachers to share values, mindsets and strategies. The committee has arranged for sessions with several provincial math experts and has also held a resource sharing opportunity where teachers were provided with different materials for use in the class. The district's Engage! site has a Numeracy Supports section where resources, presentations and other materials are shared with all staff. The district math committee will address supports for intermediate math teachers in 2018-19 using a similar model.

At the secondary level, preparations are taking place for the new math curriculum using a collaborative model.

A copy of District Principal Deasey's presentation is available in the meeting package at: http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/17-18_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20180228-EdCmte_Agenda.pdf

2. Goal 2.f. - Leaders

Our staff will be leaders in their work.

Director Bishop shared information on upcoming courses being offered to EAs during the spring break to support students with speech and fine motor development. Teachers are taking part in train-the-trainer workshops on robotics and computational thinking. Interviews for the district leadership pool have been scheduled for March 12 to assist in succession planning for principal and vice-principal positions.

3. Regulation 1020 - AIDS / HIV Cases

The regulation is being repealed and information on transmissible diseases is being included in the updated version of regulation 6450.

4. Regulation 2220 - Board Authorized Courses

The regulation was not brought forward for revisions. The intent is for this regulation to be brought forward during the 2018/2019 school year.

5. Regulation 6450 - General Hygiene / Potential Infection

The newly updated regulation includes language on medical conditions and communicable diseases, staff and student confidentiality, general hygiene and first aid. The regulation was shared with local VCH staff and has been discussed at the Healthy Schools Committee. The regulation will be renumbered and re-categorized this summer.

6. Curriculum (standing item)

The district is supporting collaborative learning structures to support the new secondary 10-12 curriculum.

7. Parent Engagement (standing item)

Stephanie Murawsky, Chair of the Parent Engagement Committee, joined the meeting and shared the committees short, mid and long term goals for ensuring that families are an integral part of the learning of our students.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 16th from 9:00-10:30 am at the School Board Office