



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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES**

Held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 11:45-1:15 p.m.

At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Kerry Mahlman, District Principal of Aboriginal Programs and Services; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Christine Younghusband, Trustee

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The meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m.

1. Regulation 2230 – Career Programs

Director Bishop reported that the regulation had been deemed redundant and would be repealed after the circulation phase.

2. Regulation 2350 – Distance Education/Distributed Learning

Director Bishop reported that all information contained within the regulation is captured by the *School Act*. As such, the district has recommended that the regulation be repealed.

3. Regulation 3050 – Animals in Schools

Director White reported on the following changes to the regulation:

- addition of a rationale to the regulation,
- qualification that therapy dogs require proper certification and may be unleashed,
- requirement that dogs be housebroken,
- requirement that animals in schools be there for instructional purposes and student support,
- acknowledgment that some staff and students may be fearful of animals, as such introduction of animals must be done carefully and thoughtfully.

The revised regulation will be brought to the September regular meeting, to begin the circulation phase.

4. Curriculum (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking and Director Bishop shared information on the various ways in which teachers are encouraging students to report on core competencies

The district will transition to the new grade 10-12 curriculum in September.

5. Parent Engagement (standing item)

The Parent Engagement Committee is working on the world maps that will be posted on bulletin boards at all elementary schools over the summer break. Students will have an opportunity to add a pin to the map to indicate their family heritage. A suggestion was made to remain mindful of students in foster care and adopted children.

The board will offer training to PACs on how to run meetings, how to create agendas, how best to deal with controversial issues, and other items of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:00 pm at the School Board Office