



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Held on September 26, 2017 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Betty Baxter (Committee Chair), Dave Mewhort, Lori Pratt, Christine Younghusband

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

REGRETS: Pammila Ruth, Trustee; Lori Dixon, Trustee; Greg Russell, Trustee; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

1. Implementation Plan (Year 3)

Superintendent Bocking shared information on new programs and initiatives that will be implemented in year three of the four year strategic plan. The full presentation is included with the meeting agenda package at http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/17-18_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20170926-COW_Agenda.pdf

Early Learning

- Circle of Security - programs offered for parents through SD46
- Immigrant Parents As Literacy Supporters (iPALS) - through Literacy Council partnerships
- Develop outside play space for Gibsons Elementary StrongStart

Reading

- Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) implementation
- Reading Assessment Focus - supporting students through formative assessments.
- Core Competencies - through a reading lens

Math

- 'Collaborating About Math in Primary' (CAMP) - district-wide support over the year for primary teachers
- Secondary Numeracy Assessment Support (New Provincial Assessment)

Social and Emotional

- Zones of Regulation training
- MDI touchback session with students Learning Through Loss partnership with Hospice

Mental and Physical Health:

- Family Expo May 2018
- Action Schools BC workshop
- Focus on Outdoor Play, nutrition, sleep, hygiene, and reduction in screen time.

Music/Fine Arts:

- Visual Arts survey of teachers and follow up training

Sustainable and Outdoor:

- Publishing activities map
- Extend Garbology in schools

Experiential Learning:

- SFU Nature Based Experienced Learning Cohort graduates!!
- Teacher training for experiential learning

Technology:

- Multiple elements of Engage! SharePoint system
- Deepening high schools APP and using MyEducation to communicate with parents and students.
- Chromebook pilot project
- Paperless report cards using MyEducation
- POP Up UDL/Accessibility Workshops in all schools
- Engage! video collection for staff

Indigenous Cultures:

- Increase use of term: Indigenous Peoples Teachings and Learning
- Adjust Aboriginal Education Support Program to 3 week/ 1 week intensive program.

Graduation:

- My Blueprint implementation. Some elementary schools involved in a K-6 pilot.
- Review the 2015-16 graduation cohort to understand our graduation rates
- Focus on increasing numbers of students transitioning from Train in Trades (formerly ACE-IT) to Work in Trades (formerly Secondary Apprenticeship).

2. Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (SSCFGS) Discussion

The committee reviewed the prior year's submission to the SSCFGS and suggested that the following items be included in this year's submission:

- request for funding stability,
- clear criteria on capital funding request,
- support for new curriculum implementation for grades 10-12,
- better address funding needs for special needs students, and
- highlight the importance of educational assistants.

Chair Baxter agreed to draft a new letter based on the committee's feedback. A copy of the submission will be included with the notes at the October board meeting.

3. Trustee Professional Learning Plan

Trustees discussed the professional learning opportunities that stemmed from the board evaluation discussions at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Trustees agreed that professional development around collective bargaining would be the highest priority. It was agreed to bring a discussion to a closed meeting during the 2017-18 school year.

Professional learning surrounding understanding financial statements was also discussed. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick agreed to schedule a session in the spring/late summer to review, using the year's financial statements as a training tool.

4. Partners in Learning Event Update

Superintendent Bocking reviewed changes to the event's format, including additional time for attendees to explore the table displays and improved flow to provide additional attention to the information booths. The committee suggested using a scavenger hunt to encourage participation at the information booths and suggested that the welcome and aboriginal greeting take place before the mingle and display portion of the evening. Trustees agreed to be stationed at the entrance to welcome and direct attendees.

5. Communication (standing item)

Due to time constraints, the committee did not review the communication plan.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.