



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

Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 11:15 a.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC

- TRUSTEES: S. Girard (Committee Chair), S. Girard, M. Hampvent, S. Haines, S. Leech, T. Ste. Marie
- STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; K. Kerr, Director of Instruction; K. Deasey, District Principal; S. Magnussen, Inclusive Education Technology Coordinator; C. Spence, Principal; S. Mackenzie, CUPE Local 801, L. Leskie, CUPE Local 801; J. Kowalczyk, Education Director *shishalh* Nation; E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)
- REGRETS: A. Amaral, Trustee
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1. Call to Order

Trustee Girard called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Trustee Ste. Marie attended the meeting by teleconference. The agenda was reordered for the purpose of presentations.

2. Literacy (1.d.)

Our students will be literate. They will be effective communicators, critical thinkers, and engaged citizens.

District Principal Deasey reported on district literacy assessments and other tools to support literacy. Ms. Deasey highlighted the following:

- New literacy goals included in the 2019-23 Strategic Plan,
- Provincial literacy assessments begin in 2019/20 for grade 10 students and in 2020/21 for grade 12 students,
- Early years programming continues to focus on literacy,
- The district writers anthology, Coastal Voices, is celebrating it's 10th anniversary,
- The *Coastal Reads* program continues across the district and is championed by teacher-librarians,
- National Literacy Week celebrations take place in schools,
- Author visits continue to inspire students,
- The secondary LIST (Literacy in Secondary Teaching) committee has invited Faye Browning to share ideas,
- SET BC will be visiting the district in November to discuss digital literacy,
- The FSA assessments provide valuable feedback to the district and are used to establish areas of support,
- The CARE committee has arranged a presentation by Adrienne Greer on strategies to support literacy.

A copy of District Principal Deasey's presentation will be included in the agenda package for the October meeting.

3. Middle Years Development Index (MDI)

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd46/>

Director Kerr involved trustees in an exercise to review some of the data collected through the 2018-19 MDI. The MDI is a self reporting questionnaire that is intended to provide collective data on health and well being during middle childhood. Students in grade 4 and grade 7 take part in the survey which evaluates physical health and well being, connectedness, social and emotional development, school experiences, and the use of after-school time.

The committee viewed a short video describing the purpose of MDI (<https://youtu.be/SsQkcHavTYo>).

Director Kerr noted that the MDI was administered during a different time frame than in previous years, due to the change in timing for FSA assessments.

A copy of Director Kerr's presentation will be included in the agenda package for the October meeting.

4. Digital Literacy (1.i.)

Our students will have the digital literacy skills to enhance and communicate their learning, and to responsibly navigate technology.

Inclusive Education Technology Coordinator, Sandy Magnussen, shared information on the various applications used to support students' digital literacy and the resources in place for staff and students.

Ms. Magnussen highlighted the following:

- District run accessibility workshops for educational assistants, teachers and teacher librarians,
- The TETT Project (Teachers Empowering Teachers in Technology),
- An upcoming visit from SET BC,
- The use of the *Engage!* sharepoint site as a central repository for digital literacy resources,
- Ongoing district license for the use of Read & Write.

The committee viewed a short video that demonstrated student use of Read & Write in the district. The video is available at <https://youtu.be/mizgDdNpdtU>.

A copy of Ms. Magnussen's presentation will be included in the agenda package for the October meeting.

5. Regulations for Review:

1. Reg. 1290 – Student Leadership
2. Reg. 1360 – Waivers and Informed Consent

The regulations will be reviewed at a future Education Committee meeting due to time limitations.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.