



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
Sechelt Learning Centre - Sechelt, BC
5538 Shorncliffe Ave,
Sechelt, BC

TRUSTEES: P. Ruth (Committee Chair), A. Amaral, S. Haines, M. Hampvent,
S. Leech, T. Ste. Marie

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; P. Bishop, Director of Instruction; K. Kerr,
Director of Instruction, N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer;
S. Mackenzie, CUPE Local 801; J. Budgell, CUPE Local 801; E.
Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: S. Girard, Trustee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth at 11:15 a.m.

2. Healthy and Inspired Team (2.a)

Superintendent Bocking and Directors Kerr and Bishop highlighted ways in which the district helps to foster a healthy and inspired team, including:

- Acknowledging staff retirements at a yearly dinner event,
- Sharing information in the EduCoaster,
- Changing the format of the monthly principals meeting to allow time for personal wellness,
- Acknowledging staff milestones, including births and marriages, as well as providing flowers and sympathy cards in the event of long term illness or family deaths,
- Sharing videos that highlight staff,
- Celebrating staff via social media,
- Including all staff, including maintenance and school board office staff, at a recent professional development day,
- Representing the mission and vision of the board,
- Offering courses such as Mental Health First Aid, Crisis Prevention and CPI,
- Ensuring Health and Safety Committees are active on all sites, in addition to a district committee,
- Promoting BCTF wellness programs and the Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP).

3. School Growth Plans

Superintendent Bocking provided a copy of schools growth plans, in preparation for the trustee school visits scheduled for January 9th, 14th, and 17th. The committee reviewed several school plans and shared their findings with the group

The committee discussed changes to trustee tours and suggested principals focus on the following discussion points:

- What are you most proud of?
- If you could ask for anything what would it be?
- How do you define/celebrate student success?
- How do you promote the student voice?
- What is your biggest challenge?
- What inspires you / what brings you joy?
- What do you think the trustee's role is?

4. Policy Review (standing item)

a. Policy 6 - Trustee Orientation and Professional Development

The committee discussed examining opportunities for mentorship, providing a more robust trustee orientation when there is a large turnover in trustees, and including a trustee retreat as an annual event. The committee suggested the policy come back to the January Committee of the Whole and that trustees submit any revisions for consideration, in advance of that meeting.

5. Communication Plan (standing item)

The committee reviewed the communication plan and noted that ad hoc committee meetings remain unscheduled.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.