

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 11:15 a.m.  
Sechelt Learning Centre - Sechelt, BC  
5538 Shorncliffe Ave  
Sechelt, BC

TRUSTEES: P. Ruth (Committee Chair), S. Girard, S. Haines, M. Hampvent,  
S. Leech

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

REGRETS: A. Amaral, Trustee; T. Ste. Marie, Trustee

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1. Call to Order

Called to order at 11:22 a.m. by Chair Ruth.

2. Draft School Calendar Review

Director Bishop reported on the school calendar process, noting that:

- a draft calendar will be distributed to the SCTA Professional Development Committee for review and feedback,
- after dates have been confirmed the draft calendar will be presented to the February Committee of the Whole,
- the draft calendar will be presented at the March Regular Board meeting for a final recommendation, and
- the approved calendar must be submitted to the ministry prior to the end of March.

3. School Visit Debrief

Trustees discussed the overall value of the school tours that took place over three dates in January 2020 and made the following recommendations for the 2020-21 school year to allow for better attendance:

- Distribute schools evenly over three day period to maximize available time,
- Spread the tours over a larger stretch of time, possibly over the course of a couple of months,
- Ensure that ample notice is provided to allow trustees to plan accordingly, and

- Consider scheduling during a time less likely to be affected by inclement weather.

Trustees discussed requests for advocacy for mental health supports and considered several options including advocating directly to the provincial government, presenting a motion at the BCSTA AGM and providing a letter of support to a local initiative.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To write a letter of support for the Sunshine Coast Foundry application.

4. New Professional Standards for BC Educators

Superintendent Bocking and Director Bishop reported on the new Professional Standards for BC Educators foundational document developed by the BC Teachers' Council. The document is available online at [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/teach/teacher-regulation/standards-for-educators/edu\\_standards.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/teach/teacher-regulation/standards-for-educators/edu_standards.pdf).

The committee discussed support provided to educators by the indigenous education team, to further develop first peoples' perspectives in learning.

5. Regulations for Review:

a. 1370 – Responsible Use of Social Media

Superintendent Bocking presented the newly developed regulation. The committee discussed the requirement that a principal, or other designate be added to social media accounts held by parent advisory councils (PACs) for the purpose of general oversight. Superintendent Bocking indicated the requirement would effectively support PACs, as well as help to ensure student and staff privacy. The committee discussed the benefits and challenges of maintaining a professional relationship with students online. The regulation will be shared with the DPAC during the regulation's circulation phase.

The committee recessed for approximately 30 minutes for lunch.

6. Policy Review (standing item)

a. Policy 6 – Trustee Orientation and Professional Development

There were no changes recommended to the policy. The committee discussed:

- Learning opportunities to improve understanding of Roberts Rules of Order.
- Debriefing after the BCSTA Annual General Meeting.
- Adding a requirement to host a trustee retreat to the policy (to be considered after the trustee retreat planned for late February).

b. Bylaw 51 – Regular Meetings

The committee reviewed the bylaw. Trustees suggested that future committee agendas include time allotments for reports to empower chairs in managing time. Trustees discussed evaluating the shift to all day committee meetings prior to scheduling committee meetings in the 2020-21 school year.

7. Communication Plan (standing item)

A request was made to add the Education Matters schedule to the communication plan, including who will be submitting the article.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.