



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

Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 12:00 p.m.  
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC  
494 South Fletcher Road  
Gibsons, BC

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

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

REGRETS: T. Ste. Marie, Trustee, K. Kerr, Director of Instruction

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chair Ruth.

2. Partnerships (3.c.)

Superintendent Bocking, Director Bishop and Secretary-Treasurer Weswick, provided a report on ongoing partnerships in the local community, including but not limited to partnerships with:

- Sunshine Coast Community Schools
- Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts
- Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre
- Parents and caregivers
- Healthy Schools Committee (VCH, SCRD)
- Violent Health Risk Assessment (VTRA) Team (RCMP, MCFD, CYMH, *shishalh* Nation, SCCSS, VCH)
- Sunshine Coast Child and Youth Mental Health Local Action Team (Division of Family Practice, CYMH, MCFD, VCH, SCCSS, RCMP, *shishalh* Nation)
- Capilano University
- Vancouver Community College
- The local business community
- SCRD / Joint-Use Committee
- Better fields Committee (local governments)
- Active School Transportation (VCH, local governments and MOTI)

The committee discussed the opportunity for partnerships, including possible learning opportunities for Early Childhood Education, at the newly approved West Sechelt Elementary child care. The committee also discussed potential first year post-secondary

offerings at Capilano University, speaking in favour of the potential of on-coast post-secondary opportunities for students.

3. School Calendar Recommendation

Director Bishop reported that the proposed calendar has been shared with school principals for conversations at the PAC level and posted on the district website. The 2020-21 school calendar includes:

- A greater balance of professional days on Mondays and Fridays for staffing purposes,
- A balance of professional days throughout the school year for staffing purposes,
- Coordinated dates in order to allow ongoing professional development opportunities with Shelley Moore,
- More opportunities for professional development and in-service sessions with sufficient Teacher-on-Call coverage.

The committee discussed the two-week spring break that was implemented in the 2015-16 school year and a follow up survey that was taken later in 2016 to gauge the success of the change. Director Bishop reported that the community spoke strongly in favour of continuation of the two week break, noting that the district has provided additional professional development opportunities for CUPE staff to support their professional growth and to help mitigate loss of pay related to the closure.

**RECOMMENDATION:** "To approve the school calendar at the March board meeting"

4. Policy Review (standing item)

a. Policy 1 - Foundational Statements

The committee reviewed the changes, which had been previously adopted by the board during the development of the 2019-23 strategic plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** "To approve the changes to Policy 1 - Foundational Statements at the March board meeting."

b. Policy 24 - Surplus Policy

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that changes to financial reporting and the board's policy on surplus would be required as a result of recommendations from the Funding Model Review (FMR). He noted that the recommendations from the FMR do not allow for the continuation of the district's ongoing practice of holding a financial provision in restricted surplus. He further suggested that the unfunded future benefits line be retired prior to the end of the current fiscal year.

Staff will provide recommendations to a future meeting, after the funding announcement and Funding Model Review changes have been reviewed.

c. Bylaw 52 - Presentations

The committee reviewed the bylaw and discussed potential changes to sections 52.5-52.7 to clarify how a spontaneous address would be entertained at a board meeting. Trustees agreed to revisit the bylaw at the March meeting and requested that additional information be brought back to inform the discussion, specifically examples of similar bylaws from other districts, as well as any pertinent history relating to the initial development of the bylaw.

5. Communication Plan (standing item)

The committee reviewed the communication plan.

6. Adjourn - 1:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.