

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC
494 South Fletcher Road
Gibsons, BC

TRUSTEES: P. Ruth, Board Chair, S. Leech, Vice-Chair, A. Amaral, Trustee,
S. Haines, Trustee, M. Hampvent, Trustee, S. Girard, Trustee,
T. Ste. Marie, Trustee, J. Carroll, Student Trustee

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent, N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer,
P. Bishop, Director of Instruction, K. Kerr, Director of Instruction,
E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Chair Ruth acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the *Skwxwú7mesh* Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Celebrating Education: Elphinstone Composting Program - S. Ryden

The board heard a presentation by Sierra Ryden, grade 10 student at Elphinstone Secondary. Sierra was accompanied by Elphinstone teacher, Brian Topping, and SCR D staff, Andrea Patreo. Sierra reported on an ongoing composting program that was funded through the SCR D's Waste Reduction Program. To date, the composting program has diverted 6 kg of food waste from the school cafeteria. The compost will be used in the courtyard by the garden club to grow vegetables, which will in turn be available to the cafeteria for use. Sierra suggested that other schools looking to initiate a similar program research, find a sponsor and start small with the intention of growing.

3. Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

- There were no questions from the public.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "THAT the agenda of March 4, 2020 be adopted."

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2020
- b. Record of Closed Meeting - February 12, 2020

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Haines

MOTION: "THAT the Regular Meeting February 12, 2020 and the Record of Closed Meeting of February 12, 2020, be approved."

Carried

6. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking shared two student poems from the *Coastal Voices* student writing anthology and spoke to his written report.

A copy of Superintendent Bocking's presentation is available at <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020-03-Reg-Presentations.pdf>.

b. Strategic Plan Reports

1. Goal 1.e. - Numeracy

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and thanks Principal Glen Smith for his presentation at Education Committee that demonstrated ways to engage students with numeracy. A Similar presentation was made to DPAC to share with school PACs.

2. Goal 2.b. - Professional Development

Superintendent Bocking indicated that both the SCTA and CUPE reported on their professional development programs. A handout listing the numerous district sponsored professional development opportunities was included in the agenda package.

3. Goal 2.e. - Family Engagement

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report, highlighting an upcoming learning series to support PACs and DPAC, developed by the Family Engagement Committee.

4. Goal 3.c. - Partnerships

Suprintendent Bocking indicated that the written report included a sampling of current sommmunity partnerships.

c. Administrative Regulations in Circulation

Details regarding the administrative regulations in circulation can be found in the committee notes of meetings taking place in February 2020. New and revised regulations will circulate for an eight (8) week period and regulations being repealed will circulate for a four (4) week period.

- 1. Reg. 5050 - Honoraria
- 2. Reg. 5090 - Travel Expenses
- 3. Reg. 5100 - Vehicle Expenses

4. Reg. 1050 - Career Programs
- d. Administrative Regulations to be Received

The following regulations completed the circulation phase and were received as part of the reports provided at the board meeting.

 1. Reg. 3125 - Immunization
 2. Reg. 3220 - Medical Alerts
- e. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to his written report, highlighting a new profam available to enhance risk management.

 1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of February 2020
 2. Expenditures by Object - February 2020

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that the district line items were underspent in several areas. The district anticipated a surplus at year end, including a restricted items from school budgets.
- f. Chair's Report

The report was submitted as written. Trustees shared their appreciation for the Newsies musical presentation and discussed issuing a letter of congratulation to the recently elected shíshálh Nation council.

 1. BCSTA Report

Trustee Haines reported on a recent Provincial Council meeting.
 2. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Haines reported that bargaining mediation had resumed.
 3. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Carroll reported on the following items:

 - The District of Sechelt approached the DSLT for students interested in representing youth for the Sechelt council.
 - Secretary-Treasurer Weswick consulted the DSLT on the upcoming budget. Students advocated for funds to support environmental initiatives and mental health supports.
 - Student forums are valuable to the district and students. The forums provide an opportunity for students to have an impact on their education.
 - The success of the district musical production of Newsies, whose cast includes a DSLT member,
 - Student concerns surrounding the novel coronavirus.
- g. Ad Hoc Policy Prioritization Review Committee - February 3, 2020

The committee notes were submitted as written.
- h. Operations Committee Notes - February 25, 2020

The committee notes were submitted as written.

i. Committee of the Whole Notes - February 25, 2020

The committee notes were submitted as written.

1. 2020-21 School Calendar

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "TO approve the 2020-21 School Calendar."

Carried

2. Policy 1 - Foundational Statements

Moved Amaral

Seconded: Hampvent

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

Carried

j. Education Committee Notes - February 25, 2020

The committee notes were submitted as written.

k. Receipt of Reports

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "THAT the reports be received."

Carried

7. Correspondence

a. CUPE Local 801 - Budget Considerations

b. SCTA - Budget Considerations

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "TO receive the correspondence."

Carried

8. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- A member of the press asked for additional information on the request from the District of Sechelt to the DSLT. Student Trustee Carroll indicated that the DSLT directed the District of Sechelt to Elphinstone staff to discuss the process used by the Town of Gibsons as they recently appointed a student to their council.

- A member of the press asked if the DSLT made any concrete recommendations for the budget consultation. Student Trustee Carroll indicated they had suggested additional counselling support specifically for mental health issues.
- A member of the press asked for information on a motion made at the BCSTA Provincial Council. Trustee Haines reported that it was related to per person/course funding vs headcount funding.
- A member of the audience asked how Elphinstone Secondary was managing to keep wildlife out of the compost. Superintendent Bocking responded that the unit is placed in the enclosed courtyard.

9. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on April 8, 2020.

a. Committee Agendas

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "TO approve the committee agendas."

Carried

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Moved: Girard

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "TO adjourn."

Carried

Signed original on file

Pammila Ruth - Board Chair

Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer