



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

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 2:30 p.m.
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TRUSTEES: P. Ruth (Committee Chair), A. Amaral, S. Girard, M. Hampvent,
S. Haines, S. Leech, T. Ste. Marie

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Chair Ruth.

2. COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Bocking, Director Bishop and Director Kerr reported on the district's response to the COVID pandemic.

a. Safe and Healthy Environments

Director Bishop reported on the district's efforts to ensure healthy work environments at school facilities, under the guidance of Vancouver Coastal Health, and through encouraging safe work spaces for employee's working from home. The district remains involved on the Sunshine Coast Emergency Planning Committee and is sharing information with local governments and health authorities.

b. Services to Support Essential Workers

Superintendent Bocking shared pictures of the school environments that support the children of essential workers and spoke to the processes taking place to ensure the safety of students and staff at those sites. At the time of the report, there were 9 students at the Gibsons Elementary site and 7 at the Sechelt Learning Centre. The district is looking to expand services safely and taking appropriate measures to do so. Technology is available to students at these sites to work on school assignments, with the support of the Educational Assistants that are staffing the centres.

c. Vulnerable Student Supports

Director Kerr reported on services being provided by local community schools to ensure families in need have access to health food during the pandemic.

Vulnerable learners are being identified and provided with integrated case management supports to assist while learning from home. The school district remains active on the Sunshine Coast Mental Health Action Team and Violent Threat Risk Assessment Teams (VTRA) via Zoom. District counsellors are developing a critical incident response plan should there be a future need.

The district is offering virtual sessions to support parents who are assisting their

d. Continuity of Educational Opportunities

Superintendent Bocking reported on the [learning framework](#) that guides educational opportunities at the elementary level, with a focus on literacy, numeracy and the core competencies. Elementary teachers are assessing students using a common framework. Resources are available on the district website for parents and students alike.

Director Bishop reported on educational opportunities being provided to students at the secondary level, noting that:

- Linear and semester based courses are being taken into consideration.
- Secondary schools are utilizing various platforms to engage students.
- Students have been contacted by their home room teacher to discuss needs.
- Technology is being made available to students who require it.
- Teachers will reflect on the learning that took place over the entire year for assessment purposes,
- Student support services team are working to reach out to students that aren't engaging.

Director Bishop reported that grade 8 and 9 students will not be assessed with a formal mark for term 3, while students in grades 10, 11 and 12 will be graded and provided with comments based on school work that took place before the break.

3. Regulation 1370 - Social Media

The committee reviewed the recently received regulation and discussed trustee concerns relating to the application of the regulation to a “community member”. The committee discussed replacing “community member” with “volunteer” for clarity. Superintendent Bocking agreed to reassess the regulation with the committee’s feedback in mind and further suggested a review of Regulation 1230 (Process for Administrative Regulations), and possibly include an additional opportunity for trustees to provide feedback on a regulation following the circulation phase and prior to the receipt. Both regulations will be brought forward to the May meeting for further discussion.

4. Policy Review (standing item) - 3:20 p.m.

a. Policy 24 - Surplus

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to proposed amendments to the board’s policy which would align the district’s practice with recommendations stemming from the Funding Model Review. The change in practice would effectively replace the district’s past practice of holding a “Financial Provision”. The committee agreed to the proposed language.

RECOMMENDATION: "THAT the proposed changes to Policy 24 - Surplus be approved."

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.