

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

Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 11:30 a.m.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

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

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer;
P. Bishop, Director of Instruction; K. Kerr, Director of Instruction;
K. Deasey, District Principal of Learning and Innovation, P. Luporini,
District Principal of Technology; K. Mahlman, District Principal of
Indigenous Education; C. Gordon, Careers Coordinator;
S. Magnussen, Inclusive Education Technology Coordinator;
S. Murawsky, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer,
E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Chair Ruth.

2. COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Bocking reported on:

- The number of students who attended school at least once since the voluntary return to school: district-wide 36%, includes 40% of students in grades K-5, 32% of students in grades 6-7, and 32% of students in grades 8-12 students.
- A survey has been developed to send to parents to find out what the overall experience was like for families. A separate survey will be shared with staff.
- Schooling in September remains unknown, the district expects a ministry announcement over the summer and will communicate that with the community as soon as it becomes available.

Director Kerr noted that additional training on internet safety will be provided to students, as a result of the increased exposure to online learning.

3. Strategic Plan - Year in Review

District Principal Mahlman spoke to the board's affirmation to indigenous cultures and highlighted the need to work collectively to create equality, clearing barriers in the school system, and work against systemic racism.

Staff reported on activities and initiatives that took place during the school year that support the strategic plan, and highlighted three items under each goal.

The copy of the presentation is available at <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020-06-CoW-Presentations.pdf>.

4. District Report to the Ministry

Superintendent Bocking provided a brief introduction to the updated Student Excellence website, available at <https://sd46studentexcellence.ca>, which forms the district's report to the ministry under the Framework for Reporting on Student Learning, and shared a video on Early Learning programs.

5. Statement on Anti-Racism Commitment

The committee discussed how best to develop an anti-racism statement. The committee considered several options and determined that an ad hoc committee would best suit the needs of the board.

RECOMMENDATION: That the board establish an ad hoc committee to develop a policy that addresses the board value of equity.

District Principal Mahlman shared information on the "Equity and Action" framework to help to support indigenous students and suggested that the framework could help to inform the policy and statement that the board plans to make.

Superintendent Bocking noted that the ministry's "Diversity in BC Schools" policy statement will also be a valuable asset when developing the board's policy.

The terms of reference and scope of the ad hoc committee may be determined at their first meeting and reported back to the board at the next regular meeting.

6. Policy Review (standing item) - 1:10 p.m.

a. 52 - Presentations

The board discussed the provision to allow for a "spontaneous address" and decided that the chair would need to manage time appropriately should a "spontaneous address" arise. There were no recommended changes to the policy.

b. 70 - Appeals

The board suggested changing item 70.13 to review the appeals bylaw "at least, once per term, within the first year of the term"

RECOMMENDATION: To update the Appeals Bylaw with the following:

"70.13 The Board shall ~~conduct an annual~~ review of this bylaw at least once per term, within the first year of the term."

7. Regulations for Review

a. 2140 - Visual Identity

The item was deferred to the September Committee of the Whole due to time limitations.

8. Communication Plan (standing item)

An updated plan will be provided at the September Committee of the Whole for the 2020-21 school year.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.