

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE NOTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 9:30 a.m.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

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

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; P. Bishop, Director of Instruction;
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; K. Kerr, Director of Instruction; R.
Collison, Manager of Facilities; P. Luporini, District Principal of
Technology; E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Trustee Hampvent.

2. Transportation Strategies (3. f.)

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick briefly reported on the changes to student bussing that took place during the voluntary return to school.

Lianne Carley, Vancouver Coastal Health, provided a report on an active transportation strategy and shared, among other points, that:

- Active travel, walking, biking and scooting to school, may help to improve local EDI success rates for emotional maturity and social competence.
- Independent mobility benefits students by improving their fitness level, increasing sociability, improves spatial skills, and increases alertness.
- Collaboration with local governments is taking place to improve active travel options for students.

A copy of Ms. Carley's presentation is available on the district website at:

<https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020-06-Ops-Presentations.pdf>

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared a draft "Best Routes to School" map that highlights walking routes to Gibsons Elementary. Similar maps are being developed for Davis Bay Elementary and West Sechelt Elementary. The maps will be shared with school PACs in September.

The committee discussed local intersections that present potential hazards to students, parent concerns relating to safe walking to schools, geographic differences from school to school that may make pose challenges to active travel. Ms. Carley reported that a student may walk or bike alone to school based on their abilities, and is not bound by a legal age. She further noted that the Ministry of Children and Family Development supports active travel to school and indicated that BC Transit has offered to support younger students accessing public transit without parental supervision.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reviewed a report from 2017 which provided a “current state assessment” of the district bus routes and highlighted some of the findings and recommendations. Additional information, including a possible change to routes to optimize service and a review of the transportation policy to align with practice, will be brought back to the Operations Committee in the fall, prior to commencement of community engagement sessions. A copy of the full presentation is available at: <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020-06-Ops-Presentations.pdf>

3. West Sechelt Elementary Expansion Update

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared revised plans for the expansion of West Sechelt Elementary and responded to questions from the committee regarding improvements and the proposed layout.

The approved scope of work for the project includes:

- Addition of 6 classrooms
- Expansion of the multipurpose room
- Expanded Special Education space
- Addition of a childcare facility
- Installation of a fire sprinkler system
- Removal of 5 portable classrooms
- Expanded parking and improved pedestrian and vehicle access
- Relocation of the hard surface play area

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that the current catchment area may be reviewed upon completion of the project, provided capacity meets the schools long term need.

4. Emergency Preparedness

Director Bishop provided an update and reported that:

- Emergency materials are at all sites, including first aid equipment, water, and tarps, etc.
- Materials are reviewed and assessed annually.
- Funding has been secured to refurbish earthquake bins and to improve emergency preparedness storage facilities.
- Assistant Manager of Facilities, Mike Martens, is working with school principals and site managers to maintain emergency equipment.

- An Exposure Control Plan has been developed and is available to all staff through the Engage! website.

5. Local Government OCP and Zoning Referrals (standing item) - 10:50 a.m.

5.1 Town of Gibsons - Temporary Use Permit 718 North Road

The committee reviewed the referral, noting that timelines had passed and that a recent newspaper article indicated that the application was received.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick suggested providing a response, regardless of the timelines, to suggest that active travel routes to Gibsons Elementary be considered. A letter will be drafted on behalf of the board to reflect this suggestion.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.