

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

Thursday, August 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
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TRUSTEES: P. Ruth, Board Chair, S. Leech, Vice-Chair, A. Amaral, Trustee, M. Hampvent, Trustee, S. Haines, Trustee, S. Girard, Trustee, T. Ste. Marie, Trustee, A. Grunenberg, 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 7:05 pm.

Chair Ruth acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the Squamish and Sechelt Nations, with trustees and staff attending both in person and virtually via Zoom. Chair Ruth welcomed incoming student trustee, Abby Grunenberg, to the board.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Girard

Seconded: Haines

MOTION: "THAT the agenda of August 27, 2020 be adopted."

Carried

3. Reports

a. September Restart

Superintendent Bocking reported on the four options being presented to families under Stage 2 of the BC Return to School Plan:

- Option 1 - Full-time in-class instruction: All schools have carefully prepared safety plans for COVID-19 exposure control. Students in elementary will be in learning groups consisting of their classmates and teacher. Students in secondary schools may be in learning groups of up to 120 students and staff. Any interactions outside of learning groups will require physical distancing or,

in the case of secondary student and adults, the use of a mask. The survey asks that families with immunocompromised children self-identify and provide a doctor's note to support accommodations due to health-related risks.

- Option 2 - Transition phase: Parents and students who are not comfortable with the immediate return to school, but will consider a return at a future date in the current school year, will be offered a simple structure and learning material lists to support academic growth at home. Parents/guardians will be required to support student learning at home during the transition phase. Students will be invited to return to schools at set times during the year.
- Option 3 - Online learning with Sunshine Coast Online: Families will collaboratively plan with a district teacher and must commit to a full year of online learning. Under this option, students are supported at home by a parent or guardian. Students will be eligible to return to their home school in September 2021.
- Option 4 - Traditional homeschooling: All educational programming and supervision is provided by the parent/guardian. Students who remain in homeschooling from grades 10-12 are not eligible for a BC Certificate of Graduation.

It was noted that:

- Students and families may choose to move from in-class learning to online learning provided capacity remains available later in the school year.
- Student access to assessments will continue to be available with modifications in their administration.
- Students with diverse learning needs will continue to receive established supports, with the appropriate health and safety measures in place.
- Re-entry dates for option 2 (the transition phase) have not yet been determined, transition supports will be in place for those re-entry dates.

Parents are being encouraged to make alternative transportation arrangements whenever possible, in order to reduce the number of students on buses this year. All buses will be disinfected twice a day as per safety protocols and bus drivers will be wearing masks and may possibly face shields. Secondary students will be required to wear masks while on the bus. The district is moving towards an assigned seating model for busing for the coming school year.

District counselling staff are prepared to support the social emotional needs of students during the return to school. Principals, vice-principals and counsellors will be prioritizing messaging of social emotional well-being and self-care at all sites. An additional counsellor has been added to elementary schools.

Secondary students will be asked to wear face masks if physical distancing cannot be maintained outside of their learning group. Additional masks will be available at school sites if they are required for any reason.

Bell schedules will be adjusted at school sites and access to lockers may be different than in previous years so as ensure proper management of physical distancing.

School sports teams may take place within the student learning groups.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "TO adjourn."

Carried

Signed original on file

Pammila Ruth - Board Chair

Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer